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IOD wants taxpayers' rebellion

Top business leaders attack Tory policy

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Still reeling from an attack by the once loyal CBI, the government has now come under fire from company directors who are calling for a taxpayers' revolt

MINISTERS were last night at loggerheads with two of their most important allies after the leaders of Britain's main business groups challenged the government on Europe and taxes.

As John Redwood and Michael Forsyth hit back at Howard Davies of the CBI for pressing the case for a single currency, the leader of the Institute of Directors added to the government's problems with a call for a taxpayers' rebellion.

Mr Davies had said in a newspaper interview that the government should not allow right-wing rhetoric to obscure the long-term case for a single currency and said that if the pound remained aloof, it would be as relevant as a "Ukrainian coupon".

His remarks appalled many Conservatives who said he risked stirring up a damaging new row just as the Maastricht dust was beginning to settle. Mr Redwood said the CBI chief had misunderstood the government's position and Mr Forsyth virtually accused the CBI of aligning itself with Euro-socialists.

But other MPs thought Mr Davies was merely playing to his pro-European business gallery in advance of the confederation's annual conference which opens in Harrogate on Monday. Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, will be giving the keynote address and four leading Euro-enthusiast ministers will speak.

John Major said yesterday that Mr Davies's remarks had been misrepresented, and he reiterated his view that Britain was not remotely ready for a single currency. But Mr Davies, a former close associate of the prime minister, stood by his words in a BBC radio interview. He gave a warning of a "wobble" in Tory European policy and expressed unease about ministerial rhetoric among British and continental firms. "We shouldn't rule out our participation in European monetary union in the long term," he said.

In his original interview he had said: "What some of our big members are anxious about is the notion of a single currency on the other side of the Channel and Ukrainian coupons over here."

Later, he described that as a joke, but added: "The arguments which brought us into the ERM in the first place still have some force. What I think concerns us is that the government's rhetoric on EMU has become very negative indeed."

He was backed by the pro-European wing of the Tory party with Ian Taylor, MP for Esher, saying business was right to call for positive European policies. But James Cran, a former CBI regional director and one of the leading Maastricht rebels, said that the CBI chief's comments would carry more weight if he showed some contrition for "forcing" the government into the ERM in the first place.

Mr Redwood said: "Mr Davies has misunderstood the government's position. The government is arguing for a Europe that is open for business and friendly for business. It does not want a Europe that over-regulates business, closes business down or pushes business offshore."

Mr Forsyth will meanwhile tell a Glasgow audience today: "This is not a time for nervousness on the part of the CBI, or for portraying our determination to create a free-enterprise Europe as a negative strategy. There is nothing negative or anti-European about denouncing socialism and refusing to accept a socialist programme for the Community."

Irritation with the CBI among ministers is fuelled by the belief that it is overdoing the economic gloom in an attempt to force Kenneth Clarke into boosting demand in his Budget on November 30. Mr Davies said it was scaling down its growth forecast for next year from 3 to 2 per cent.

Most Tory MPs — regardless of their view on taxation — will also resent the intervention of the IOD's director general, Peter Morgan. Mr Morgan said that it was an illusion that taxes had gone down in the 1980s and repeated his plea for £20 billion of spending cuts over the next 30 months. The last Budget had taken £10.5 billion out of the economy, equivalent to 7p on the basic rate of income tax, he said. "Our message to the Chancellor is that this is enough, and that from now on he really must cut public spending.

"No businessman or woman in Britain is able to understand why the government cannot take out 6.4 per cent over 30 months. We don't want to see welfare cuts which leave elderly ladies to freeze. We just want to see a business-like approach to government. We must tell our MPs that we cannot understand why there should be any tax increases in the Budget. Huge increases will come into force next year. Any more will put recovery at risk. We need a taxpayers' rebellion right now."

Philip Bassett, page 16



ROBIN MAYES

The prime minister on a visit yesterday to Southall, west London, where he defended the government's recent tough line on law and order

Trade figures best for six years

Britain's visible trade deficit narrowed dramatically in August, to £419 million from July's £1,064 million, according to figures released yesterday. The figures, with a September rise of 0.4 per cent in factory output, eased pressure on Kenneth Clarke to cut interest rates or abandon thought of tax increases in the Budget.

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Hospital in meningitis scare faces legal action

BY RICHARD DUCE

A HOSPITAL at the centre of an outbreak of blood poisoning among children last night faced legal action from parents who claim that their baby died because doctors failed to diagnose his condition.

North Staffordshire Health Authority issued an alert yesterday after the death of two babies from meningococcal septicaemia, which is linked to meningitis. Four other children are also being treated for the illness.

But Janice and Stephen Gledhill say the alert should have gone out sooner after the death of their four-month-old son, Dowie, last Monday. Dowie died 24 hours after being sent home from North Staffordshire hospital, Stoke on Trent, with his condition dismissed as a "nondescript viral infection". The next day Brett Potts, aged seven months, also died at the hospital.

Mr and Mrs Gledhill, of Stoke, are now taking legal advice with a view to suing the hospital authority. "As far as we are concerned, if the doctors at the hospital had taken better care of our baby he would still be alive today," Mrs Gledhill said. This year the parents of Mark Aldred, 12, accepted an out-of-court settlement of £10,000 when the same hospital sent him home with painkilling tablets after failing to diagnose the meningitis from which he died.

Stuart Gray, the hospital's chief executive, declined last night to comment on the Gledhills' claims.

Army cash 'bought $5m home'

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

A MALIBU Beach house worth $5 million (£3.4 million) that escaped last week's California fire by yards is one of the principal assets to be frozen by lawyers seeking the return of $10 million missing from Salvation Army funds after an alleged fraud.

Lawyers now believe they have identified virtually all the cash both in Britain and abroad. The fraud rocked the Salvation Army when it was made public earlier this year. One senior Salvation Army official has been dismissed and three others transferred to new posts for "errors of judgment".

The house is among properties and accounts in America and Holland identified by lawyers from Slaughter and May who have followed a complex paper trail across two continents tracking down the cash. In the past few days they have frozen several million dollars' worth of properties in California believed to have been partly bought by Army money.

So far writs have been issued against 15 individuals, firms and Luxembourg banks. Lawyers believe they have completed the first round of tracing the assets and taking action to recover them. Now they are to embark on a further exercise to examine the role of many of the institutions involved.

The team believe the chain of events started with the $10 million going first to a Belgian bank after a handful of Salvation Army officials were persuaded that the Army could earn high returns dealing in a market for so-called standby letters of credit, which they were told were dealt principally "offshore". Once the cash moved abroad, it began a journey through myriad bank accounts and a number of companies, with some siphoned off at each stage of its journey.

Of the $10 million, around $8.8 million went to an account in a Luxembourg bank, of which $3.3 million found its way back into England, some of it invested in a Scottish hotel and an airline.

A further $4.35 million ended up in the hands of two financiers, one American and one Dutch. Around $1 million of that was sent to Holland and has been distributed widely into a number of projects. The remaining $3.3 million went to the United States, where it was used to buy properties in California, including the Malibu beach house.

Lawyers acting for Slaughter and May flew to Malibu last week to ensure that the house which was bought by Harold Glantz, a New York financier, had not been damaged in the fire storms, and to place a charge on the property.

At the centre of the investigation are Stuart Ford, a Birmingham businessman, and Gamil Mounir Naguib, who acted as a financier for the charity after he was introduced to Army officials by Mr

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Recession forces Nissan to drop jobs-for-life policy

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

NISSAN in effect abandoned its "jobs-for-life" policy yesterday and offered voluntary severance packages of up to six months' salary to its 4,600 British workers.

The first big Japanese company to bring the cradle-to-the-grave work system to Britain, it is suggesting that between £6,500 and £8,000 may be enough to persuade workers to leave, thus helping to cut production costs at its plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear. The announcement ends the dream that Japanese manufacturers were able to ride over economic problems with their efficiency and purpose-built, greenfield sites.

Executives have been forced to acknowledge that the scale of recession in Europe, where industry sales are down by 16 per cent, is so great that they will have to offer what amounts to voluntary redundancy packages to slim the business. Nissan has already cut night shifts from this week to the end of the year to trim output from a projected 270,000 cars, which would have made Washington the United Kingdom's second biggest motor plant, to 246,000.

The company expects that total sales in Europe will be between only 1 per cent and 3 per cent better next year, while any recovery in the domestic market will not be enough to offset losses. That could mean sales of Washington's Primera and Micra models falling still further next year.

Despite the setback, Nissan has remained true to its guarantee that there will be no compulsory redundancies, a theme running through a motor industry that has had to suffer the trauma of job cuts for 20 years.

Nissan's idea of asking the company council to come up with ideas for tackling the drop in production was criticised as handing the decision to workers, but unions and executives say the approach allowed both sides the opportunity to consider a way out of Nissan's problems. Bill Morgan, chief negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, described the severance deals as a bitter blow, but said nobody could have predicted the depth of the European recession.

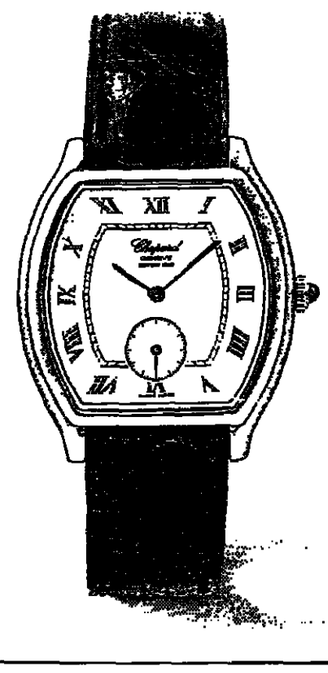


Dave Spencer, Nissan team leader, who gave workmates the news

Ian Gibson, managing director of Nissan Motor Manufacturing, said: "I believe it is a milestone for employee relations in the UK to have

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Police hurt as drug-taking joyriders ram patrol cars

BY BILL FROST

THREE car thieves high on drugs went on the rampage in a stolen Range Rover, seeking out police vehicles and deliberately ramming them.

They left six officers in hospital, three patrol cars written off and another six badly damaged after what one police source described as a three-hour demolition Derby. The officers suffered shock, cuts and rib injuries.

A senior officer said it was amazing that none of his men had been killed as the joyriders listened to police wavelengths on a radio scanner to find out where patrol cars were being hidden in a vain attempt to trap them.

Police believe the three men, who were in a green Range Rover stolen last Thursday in Cookham, Berkshire, were taking drugs as they sped across Buckinghamshire and Berkshire early yesterday.

The chase began after a patrol spotted the vehicle being driven erratically in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Officers signalled the driver to stop, but he accelerated.

Chief Inspector John Reeve, of Thames Valley police, said that several patrol cars helped in the 100mph pursuit but it soon became dangerous and the chase was called off. Mr Reeve said that radio controllers ordered crews of patrol cars to park out of sight, many in the driveways of homes, to monitor the stolen vehicle.

"To our officers' amazement, the men in the Range Rover actually started seeking out the hidden police cars and drove up people's private driveways to ram the police cars," Mr Reeve said.

The stolen Range Rover was later found abandoned in High Wycombe, close to where the chase had started three hours earlier.

Police said later that a 27-year-old had been arrested in connection with the incident.

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Britain steers clear of ban on dumping nuclear waste at sea

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN defied international public opinion yesterday by refusing to support a worldwide ban on dumping nuclear waste in the sea.

The decision to abstain, also taken by France, Belgium, China and Russia, came at a meeting of the International Maritime Organisation, a UN body based in London.

Britain could now resume dumping radioactive material at any time.

Officials at the agriculture department, which spearheaded the government's stance, insisted there were no immediate plans to resume dumping defunct nuclear submarine reactors or waste from power stations, hospitals and research laboratories. However, they said they wanted to keep open such options.

Ministers at the defence, environment and agriculture departments now have 100 days in which formally to reject the ban, otherwise they will be automatically bound by the majority decision, despite abstaining.

More countries could join the boycott. About 30 signatory nations ignored the meeting and, like Britain, can register their opposition within 100 days.

Last night there was every sign that Britain is prepared to defy the agreement. While a spokesperson for the agriculture department said: "We will now carefully consider our response," official sources said the government's position remained the same: Britain argues there are good scientific reasons for having the option to resume nuclear dumping at sea rather than keeping it on land, particularly for bulky items such as pieces of submarines.

Critics claim radioactive susbtances in the sea respect no territorial boundaries and that monitoring and retrieving leaky containers is significantly more difficult from oceans than from land-based stores.

President Clinton has refused to ask Britain to halt nuclear-processing at Sellafield, while making known his displeasure. He rejected a request from 33 members of Congress that he try to block the Thorp plant in Cumbria but told them the continued production of plutonium was not justified.

Yesterday's vote, supported by 37 members of the International Maritime Organisation, including America and Japan, replaces a ten-year voluntary ban that was broken by Russia recently when it dumped radioative wastes off Japan.

Before the voluntary ban, Britain had dumped about 74,000 tonnes of low and intermediate level waste at 15 locations. Currently, Britain has six radiation contaminated submarines awaiting disposal at naval dockyards.

Russia said earlier in the week that it could not support a ban at the moment as it had no other option for dealing with its radioactive wastes from its fleet of nuclear submarines.

Dick Trump, a Dutch official who chaired the meeting, said yesterday: "I would have been much happier if we would have adopted the resolution unanimously.

"We will have to look to the future," he said, referring to the 100-day response time.

Greenpeace, the environmental pressure group whose lobbying in the early 1980s led to the preliminary ten-year voluntary ban, initially reacted with delight to the vote.

As it became clear that several key nuclear powers might ignore the ban, Remi Parmentier, an adviser in the political division, said: "It would be a public outrage if France, the UK, Russia and Belgium filed a declaration of non-acceptance. It is about time these governments realised that no one wants to see the oceans become a radioactive waste garbage site. It is about time they joined the ranks. The oceans belong to everyone, not Her Majesty's government or the French Republic."

Police line route at shot PC's funeral

BY JOE JOSEPH

THE mixed crowd of colleagues and residents, the wreaths from schools and tenants' associations, flowers from local shops and from those he helped as a community-policeman all underlined that those who attended the funeral yesterday of PC Patrick Dunne had come to pay more than token respects.

PC Dunne, hailed by his boss as a modern Dixon of Dock Green who was being typically selfless when he was shot by suspected drug dealers, had won so many admirers that hundreds heard the service on loudspeakers as in the cold, sunlit churchyard outside Holy Trinity Church in Clapham, south London.

Many colleagues, who had stood guard on the coffin's journey from his police station to the church and later to a private burial in Sutton, found it hard to retain their composure. They were aware that, but for the duty rota, they might have picked up the routine burglary call on October 20 that took PC Dunne to an early death at the age of 44.

All 250 uniformed and civilian staff at Clapham police station attended the service. Also in the congregation were the home secretary, Michael Howard, his Labour counterpart, Tony Blair, and Paul Condon, commissioner of the Metropolitan police.

John Rees, superintendent at Clapham police station, addressing his late colleague, said: "The public frequently request a return to the halcyon days of Dixon of Dock Green. You had the same pride and motivation of George Dixon ... The big difference is you faced the public and the myriad of problems every day without the benefit of scriptwriters."

PC Dunne's coffin, draped in the blue Metropolitan police flag, was borne into church by his colleagues, preceded by his helmet on a purple velvet cushion.

His younger brother, Stephen Dunne, said: "Patrick loved being a community policeman because he was able to directly help the everyday man and woman. He committed his time and energy, and in the end his life, to what he felt was worthwhile work in today's world."

Many of those who had come to pay their respects had met PC Dunne. Marie O'Connor, a young Clapham resident, said: "Everyone who came across him, young or old, whatever creed or nationality, they all had the highest respect for him."

Others were strangers. Raymond Miller, 70, said: "It's a shame someone has to give their life to protect us, all for the sake of money and drugs. I've been here for 45 years. It's terrible, a shocking place to live now."

Emerging from the church, the home secretary said: "It was a very moving ceremony and a fitting tribute to a very brave policeman."

Det Supt John Jones, who is leading the murder enquiry, said after the service that he was "100 per cent confident" of catching PC Dunne's killers and that many witnesses had been found.



PC Barry Critchley, a colleague of PC Dunne, outside Clapham police station

Rail delay deepens property blight

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SCORES of home owners unable to sell properties because of the uncertainty surrounding the postponed high-speed Channel tunnel rail link face a delay of at least ten years before they can claim compensation.

Some residents along the 68-mile route are now facing severe hardship. In Islington, north London, one couple reduced the price of their house by £70,000 to £110,000 but the buyer could not get a mortgage because of the continuing blight.

Union Railways, the British Rail subsidiary charged with delivering the £3 billion link, confirmed yesterday that as the law stands residents directly affected will have to wait one year and a day after the link has opened before being able to claim compensation.

Sir Keith Speed, Conservative MP for Ashford, said: "This is cruel and unkind. The law must be changed immediately to enable people to be treated fairly. I have been pressing for early compensation clauses to be brought in as soon as possible."

Thursday's admission by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, that the link may not be built until 2002 means that some people will have suffered 15 years of trauma before being eligible to claim any payments.

Although Mr MacGregor has promised a definitive route early in the new year, the announcement will not allay fears in some of the most heavily populated areas through which the line will run.

John Loughlin, chairman of Gravesham council's planning committee said: "Compensation should be paid now, because people are suffering now. Any time gained by this delay must be used to protect people and not produce a route that benefits private investors."

In Islington, campaigners claim that more than 30,000 homes and 100,000 residents are affected by the plans. They say that the only acceptable compromise is for Union Railways to drive the link through the borough in a deep underground tunnel.

A-levels get a starring role

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

STUDENTS are to have a new A-level target in the form of a "starred" top grade, John Patten, the education secretary, said yesterday.

The new grade, which may be limited to the top 5 per cent of candidates, will represent the first significant change to the examination in 30 years. Mr Patten has asked the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority to work out the details by 1995.

He said that the change was necessary to stretch and reward the most able pupils. At the same time, a new code of practice will be developed to ensure greater consistency between examination boards, and the authority will review AS levels to encourage more pupils to use the qualification to broaden their studies.

The National Association of Head Teachers said Mr Patten was "tinkering unhelpfully with a system he appears not to understand". Introducing a "starred" grade was a further example of the education secretary, faced with a major challenge, exercising his powers to arrive at the least satisfactory solution.

Examination boards welcomed the new grade, although they admitted that they had yet to agree details of a similar change due to be introduced in GCSE examinations next summer. A spokeswoman said that the new system was unlikely to mean leading candidates sitting extra papers.

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Jail officers tell of anarchy in Maze

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PRISON officers at the Maze issued a warning last night that the jail near Belfast was out of control after two of their colleagues were seriously injured by Loyalist inmates.

Prisoners in two wings in H-Block 7, which houses paramilitaries from the Ulster Volunteer Force, were briefly locked in their cells after the two prison officers were attacked yesterday.

One officer was being treated in hospital last night for serious head and arm injuries. The second officer was discharged after being treated for serious bruising.

Finlay Spratt, of the Prison Officers' Association, said that his members were in charge of the perimeter of the prison and the administration, but not in control of the landings. "The Northern Ireland Office has conned the public into believing that they are in control, but it is the paramilitaries that are in charge."

The attacks followed the rejection of demands by UVF prisoners. They want their leaders to have access to any wings in their blocks.

Criticising the Northern Ireland Office's prison policies, Mr Spratt said: "The prison service management are running round like headless chickens — it is just a process of crisis management."

Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland prisons minister, said that normal conditions would not return to the Maze until Loyalist prisoners gave up their violent pursuit of their unacceptable demands.

The Maze houses 480 paramilitaries, two thirds republican and a third Loyalist. In recent years, Loyalists have stepped up their attacks on prison officers. In September this year, the UVF murdered a prison officer at his home and in June a senior officer was nearly beaten to death.

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Army puts claim on $5m house

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Ford. Both men are named in a writ issued by the Salvation Army claiming damages for deceit and conspiracy to defraud the Army of $8.8 million. At a recent two-day oral examination of Mr Ford before a High Court judge, which was held in public, an order was made that the Salvation Army had the right to recover $1.25 million in payments which may have been channelled to a Birmingham businessman.

Mr Ford and Mr Naguib have consistently denied that they defrauded the Salvation Army.

The affair is also being investigated by the Metropolitan Police fraud squad. They have arrested and questioned two men in connection with the investigation, including Mr Ford. Both have been bailed, but there have been no charges and the investigation is continuing.

Nissan ends jobs-for-life guarantee

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established a programme which enables us to say, 'if you want a job, you have it'. We have also been able to offer employees to make a new start in their working lives."

Union leaders negotiating for 23,000 Ford workers made job security their central demand, being prepared to accept the lowest pay rises in more than 20 years in return for guarantees. The 6 per cent deal over two years, with 2.5 per cent in the first year, exceeds the inflation rate but is well short of past Ford deals.

☐ **Jobs lost:** The loss of another 510 jobs was announced yesterday by the receivers keeping the Swan Hunter shipyard working since its financial crash six months ago. The cuts, which were expected, reduce the workforce to about 1,000. About 700 jobs were cut earlier after the company went into receivership.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brain-damaged boy wins £1.2m award

A boy who suffered catastrophic brain damage after a hospital error at his birth, was awarded £1,206,340 damages in the High Court yesterday. Judge Hordern made the award against Wandsworth Health Authority, south London, which admitted liability. Paul Faulkner, 14, is cared for by his parents Eileen and Stephen in Mitcham, Surrey.

Staff at St George's Hospital, Tooting, failed to monitor his heartbeat during delivery and he suffered oxygen starvation to his brain. He was born with severe cerebral palsy. The judge described how Paul, who attends a special school, had involuntary movement of his limbs and had to be strapped into his wheelchair. He has limited speech, and has insight into his condition. The "only bright spot in this bleak picture" was that his eyesight, hearing and health were good, the judge said.

Paedophile jailed

Damian Simpson, 19, indecently assaulted a four-year-old girl the day after he was granted bail by a judge at the Old Bailey on a charge of sexually attacking a boy aged five. Simpson, of Peckham, southeast London, who suffers from a psychiatric disorder, was ordered to be detained indefinitely at a secure hospital by the Recorder, Judge Verney QC, at the Old Bailey. A passer-by had been so disgusted that he beat up and held Simpson until police arrived, the court was told.

Schizophrenic killer

A paranoid schizophrenic killed his father while staying in a halfway house for people with mental difficulties, the Old Bailey was told. Rodney Rollins, 24, climbed into his father Joseph's house in Tottenham, north London, and stabbed him in the neck and chest. He admitted manslaughter and was ordered to be held indefinitely in a secure hospital.

Affray case adjourned

Four teenage boys in the care of Wirral Council, Merseyside, who last month were flown by social services in a chartered jet 200 miles to court at Chichester, West Sussex, yesterday had an affray case against them adjourned in their absence. The boys allegedly had a fight at Butlin's South Coast World holiday camp, Bognor Regis.

Rampton dismissal

The press officer at Rampton secure hospital near Retford, Nottinghamshire, has been dismissed. This follows a television crew interviewing Beverley Allitt, a former nurse jailed for murdering children in her care. The hospital says that because of the possibility of an appeal by Richard Tear it is not prepared to comment on why he was dismissed.

Purdey firearm offence

A descendant of the Purdey gun-makers was fined £50 for owning a firearm without a licence. Mark Purdey, 39, of Elworthy, Somerset, was charged after asking police to renew a licence that expired in 1989. He said after the hearing in Minehead: "The police have been swines. I explained my position and they took my gun away."

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Outcry greets cut in jail term of child sex offender

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN'S groups have condemned a decision by the Irish Supreme Court to reduce the sentence on a man who admitted raping and sexually abusing three young girls hundreds of times.

In a unanimous decision, the court cut 12 concurrent life sentences imposed on the 30-year-old man to 15 years because he had admitted all charges at an early stage.

The man, who is from Cork, admitted raping and sexually interfering with two of his nieces and a neighbour's child more than 400 times while babysitting for the girls between 1983 and 1988. He pleaded guilty to 12 counts of rape against the girls, who were aged between 6 and 12, and he was sentenced to 12 concurrent life sentences in 1991.

Mr Justice Finlay, Chief Justice of Ireland, reduced the sentence on appeal on Thursday, citing a 1988 ruling that said that an early admission of guilt could be a mitigating factor.

He said that a lengthy term was appropriate, but criticised the trial judge for imposing the maximum sentence on each charge.

The Chief Justice added that the sentence should reflect the fact that the victims had been spared the ordeal of giving evidence. He also referred to the trial judge's conclusion that the three girls were "mentally unscathed" by their experiences.

Prisoners with good conduct in the republic can be released after serving two thirds of their sentence. As the man was sentenced in 1991, he could be released in eight years.

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said the reduction in the man's sentence was outrageous. Cian O Tighearnaigh, the society's director, said: "An admission of guilt does not reduce the horror of a crime." He added that crime against children would be trivialised by inconsistent sentencing.

Olive Braiden, of the Rape Crisis Centre, was concerned by Judge Paul Carney's remarks at the trial that the victims appeared to be unscathed by the attacks. She said: "From our long experience with victims of child sexual abuse we know they are deeply traumatised by the experience."

She also called for the urgent introduction of a rehabilitation programme for offenders. "This man is obviously a serious risk and all research shows that sexual offending continues and, unless a person is rehabilitated, he will reoffend again when he comes out of prison," she said.

Liz McManus, the equality and law spokesman for the Democratic Left, said that "dumping" offenders in prison did nothing to ensure they would not reoffend.

Theresa Ahern, chairman of the Dáil's committee on women's rights, was appalled by the Supreme Court decision. "In this case, the crime was even more horrific because the victims were young, innocent children who were unable to defend themselves."

The Cork Rape Crisis Centre said that women would be reluctant to report rapes after the Supreme Court's decision.

The attacks against the three girls were disclosed in March 1990 when one of them told her parents. The man admitted the offences when he was first interviewed by police in June 1990.

During the trial, the judge accepted evidence that the man had been sexually abused as a child.

Vicarage rape judge retires with 'blemish'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Ealing vicarage rape case judge retired yesterday, saying there was "a blemish" on his career.

Mr Justice Leonard did not refer by name to the case in 1987. He was severely criticised at the time for the leniency of his sentencing.

Martin McCall was sentenced to five years for rape and five years for aggravated burglary. Christopher Byrne was sentenced to three years for the rape and five years for aggravated burglary and assault. However, Robert Horscroft, the gang leader who did not take part in the rape, was jailed for 14 years for burglary and assault.

Lord Lane, then Lord Chief Justice, said at the appeal hearing that "the sentence was almost certainly too low" but the court had no power to alter it.

The judge was also criticised for saying the trauma suffered by the rape victim — Jill Saward — in the attack in 1986 had not been so great. She said last night she felt no bitterness towards the judge. He simply had not understood what she had been through.



MICHAEL POWELL

Bryan Organ's portrait of Harold Macmillan is given a polish in preparation for the opening of the Twentieth Century Galleries next week

20th century portrayed in £12m hall of fame

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE National Portrait Gallery's £12 million Twentieth Century Galleries will be opened next week. They occupy the magnificently refurbished ground floor of the original Ewan Christian building in central London.

The galleries, the result of a public appeal launched in 1989, were converted from offices and store rooms and provide the museum with one third more space in which to house the collection of post-war portraits.

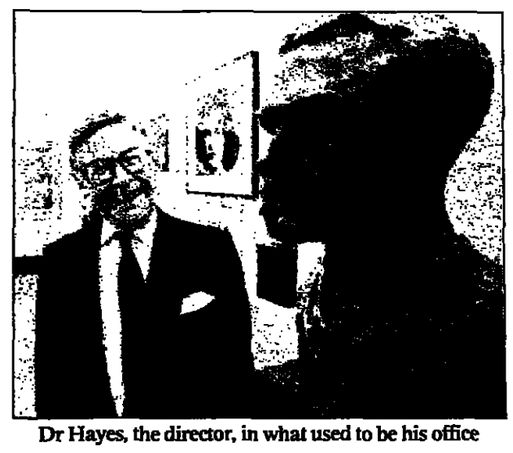
Nine portraits commissioned to celebrate the redevelopment include those of Lord Howe by June Mendoza; Antoinette Sibley, the ballerina, by Howard Morgan; Viscount Whitelaw by Humphrey Ocean; and Dame Joan Sutherland by Ulisse Sartini.

They will be on show in the Porter Gallery, funded by the Porter Foundation. Beyond this space and through gleaming white arches are some of the gallery's most imposing contemporary works, including the giant head of Robert Maxwell by Robert Frith and a corridor full of politicians and prime ministers from Clement Atlee to Baroness Thatcher.

Dr John Hayes, director of the National Portrait Gallery, said visitors tended to enjoy the 20th century portraits more than older paintings.

A striking new addition is a suspended copper and glass figure of the ballerina Lynn Seymour by Andrew Logan. With its flashing eyes and tranquil face, it dominates the middle of the galleries where former office space has been opened up. On either side are portraits of figures from the theatre, cinema, entertainment, fashion and sport, including the magnificent black and white head of Mick Jagger by Andy Warhol.

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Dr Hayes, the director, in what used to be his office

Boy sobs as he denies killing

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE jury in the James Bulger trial yesterday heard one of the 11-year-old boys accused of his murder sobbing during a taped interview in which he denied the killing. He also at one point put the blame for the killing on his friend.

In the second police interview with Child A played to Preston Crown Court, he admitted James was taken from the Strand shopping centre in Bootle, Merseyside, on the day of his death in February this year. But he insisted to detectives that he and the other boy left two-year-old James near a church.

The schoolboy, in the interview recorded on the evening of his arrest six days after the murder, was also heard mimicking James crying as he described how the toddler asked for his mother. He claimed he had told the other accused boy to take James back but Child B had said no.

Officer: Why not?
A: I don't know.
Officer: Was he able to talk?
A: Who?
Officer: James.
A: Yeah.
Officer: What did he say to you?
A: What did he say to who?
Child A went on: Child B said, 'what's your name and where do you live'.
Officer: Yeah, what did he say?
A: He went, 'I want me mum' [here he mimicked a baby crying], and started crying.

At the start of his third, 24-minute interview by Det Sgt Phil Roberts and Det Constable Bob Jacobs on the evening of his arrest, Child A immediately started to put the blame on Child B. "No, but you'll find out in the end it was him that took it, took the baby," Child A was heard to say.

The two boys deny the abduction and murder of James on February 11 and the attempted abduction of a second two-year-old the same day.

During the questioning, Child A was asked repeatedly about his movements on the day James disappeared.

The toddler is said to have been stoned and beaten to death by the two boys on a railway line in Walton, Liverpool, two and a half miles from the shopping centre.

Child A told the officers his hobby was "skipping school". Told that boys wearing clothes similar to the two defendants had been seen with James on a video, he said: "Yeah, but that may not have been me and Child B that killed him. But I know it wasn't me that killed him, or Child B." He admitted stealing from shops in the precinct but told them again: "I never took the baby."

He started crying as one of the detectives told him: "Well, we're going to find out what happened to him." Crying, Child A replied: "I never touched him." Later, he admitted Child B had held James's hand in the precinct.

The boy went on: "He (Child B) grabbed the baby's hand and just walked round the Strand and then he let him go loose then ... when we were by the church he let him go."

He said later: "I told him to take him back." Crying again, he added: "I'm getting all the blame." The trial continues.

Finance chief 'fed £22m into firm'

BY JON ASHWORTH

BANKS, investors and City regulators were taken in by a financial adviser who fed more than £22 million into his company in a battle to save it from collapse, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Roger Levitt, founder and chairman of the Levitt Group, masterminded a scheme in which funds were filtered from his private accounts into the group's business account to keep his ailing concern afloat, the court was told by David Cocks QC, for the prosecution. He said that Mr Levitt and two co-defendants, Robert Price and Mark Reed, signed cheques that were paid into the company and disguised as genuine income.



Forsyth: "improper" use made of his funds

The debt-ridden company that sold mortgages, life assurance and specialised in advising the rich was presented as a thriving concern, Mr Cocks told the jury.

He alleged that the scheme was masterminded by Mr Levitt, and that Mr Price and Mr Reed were signatories to a joint private account held by Mr Levitt and his wife Diane.

The court was told that Frederick Forsyth, the thriller writer, was deceived by Mr Levitt, who had acted as his financial adviser and was considered a personal friend. The best-selling author had asked Mr Levitt to invest £900,000 in bonds, but the money was used to prop up Mr Levitt's tottering empire.

To cover up, Mr Levitt created false invoices and other documents, Mr Cocks said. One claimed that Mr Forsyth, author of *The Day of the Jackal* and *The Dogs of War*, had paid £400,000 for commercial advice and negotiations on book rights. He said that during a meeting with Mr Levitt, Mr Forsyth had specifically requested the sum be used to purchase investment bonds.

Mr Forsyth, who will be called as a prosecution witness, would tell the court that the documentation was "complete moonshine" and that Mr Levitt had nothing to do with any book rights negotiations, Mr Cocks said. What happened to his money was "totally improper and against his wishes".

Mr Levitt, 44, and Robert McNamara, 29, both of St John's Wood, northwest London, Mr Reed, 40, of Hampstead, northwest London and Mr Price, 42, of Finchley, north London, all deny a joint charge of fraudulent trading between April 1989 and December 1990.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Royal demise greatly exaggerated

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SKY Television apologised yesterday for its part in spreading a rumour of the death of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother which was so widely believed and reported in Australia that the Governor General was obliged to issue an official denial.

The report was carried on local and national news broadcasts in Australia, and had many preparing to go into mourning until the Governor General issued a statement reassuring Australia that the Queen Mother, who attended a remembrance service at Westminster Abbey on Thursday morning, was alive and well.

The false report was traced to a Sky TV production editor working in London who has been dismissed. He had been editing film in Sky's London offices when he saw an announcement of the Queen Mother's death being relayed on an internal closed circuit monitor screen. Unaware that it was a "dry run" of an obituary broadcast prepared in advance, he telephoned his mother in Queensland and told her that the Queen Mother had died.

She contacted her local radio station, Radio New 822 in Brisbane. A reporter there, unable to get an answer by telephone from Buckingham Palace, rang the Sky technician in London, who told him: "Yes. I have just seen a print-out on the computer. She is dead." The radio station accepted this as sufficient confirmation and spread the news through its state network.

At Channel Seven in Sydney, where a live news programme was just beginning, editors decided to withhold the news until it had been officially confirmed. Then, while they were preparing a bulletin for use later if that confirmation was received, a junior producer picked up the original copy, and gave it to the newscaster who announced it as a newsflash.

Other broadcasting stations, including the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, followed suit, until the Governor General's statement almost an hour later denying the rumour.

Ian Frykberg, head of Sky News, apologised for the mistake. He added: "The fact that any news organisation could carry a story of such magnitude without corroboration is lamentable journalism."

Scott Mayman, of Radio New 822, said: "We are very pleased that the Queen Mother is still alive, and the episode has opened eyes within the Australian media to checking sources."

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'Someone needs to sit down and tell people what can go wrong with the treatment'

Laura's parents did not know drug risk

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

■ Experts in medical ethics say that hospital doctors treating children should discuss with them the issue of death

THE parents of Laura Davies, who died after two multiple-organ transplant operations, said yesterday that they had not been told of the possible effects of anti-rejection drugs.

Speaking publicly for the first time since Laura died on Thursday, Mr and Mrs Davies said they had no regrets about going ahead with the second transplant, but had not been told enough about the effects of the powerful immunosuppressive drug FK506.

"I would have been a lot happier if, when we got here, things like cancer that can come through taking the FK had been explained," Fran Davies told GMTV from Pittsburgh, where the transplant was carried out.

Because the drug suppressed Laura's immune system, it reduced the ability to recognise abnormal cells. By the time a mechanical ventilation system keeping her alive was switched off, many small cancer-like growths had developed. These growths, started by the common Epstein-Barr virus, are known as lymphoproliferative disease.

The team at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital were prepared to continue the treatment, but Mr and Mrs Davies did not want their daughter to suffer any more. On Wednesday, she had a stroke and it was decided to end life-support.

Les Davies said that parents of children in the same situation needed more information. "Somebody needs to sit down and tell them what can go wrong. I've spoken to several parents here of children who've just recently gone through transplant and these parents don't know what it is."

Although one of the doctors who conducted the operations, Dr Andreas Tzakis, has admitted that critics of the treatment may be right, many specialists in medical ethics have defended the surgeons.

John Harris, Professor of Applied Philosophy at Manchester University and a specialist in medical ethics, said that Laura's death did not alter the ethical case at all. "If a procedure offers a palpable chance of life, or of postponing death, it is difficult to say it should not be offered. In advanced surgery, the success rate will always be below 100 per cent, but that doesn't make it unethical to try."

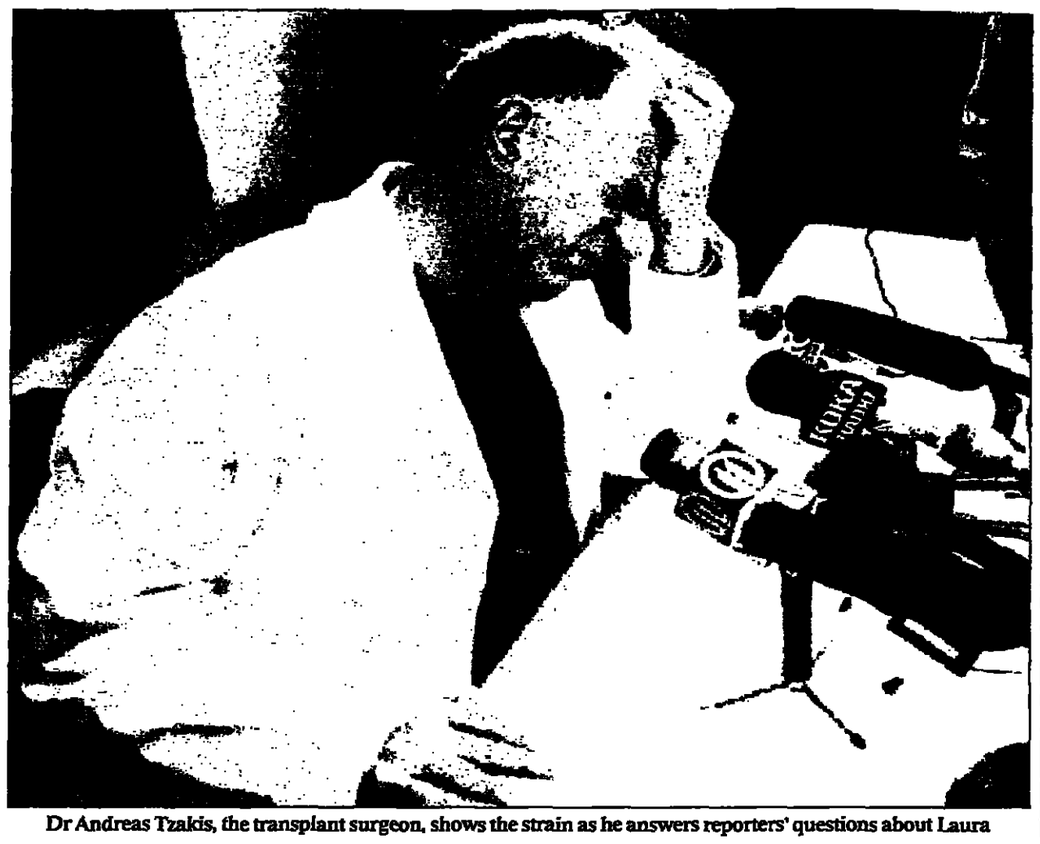
Dr Tzakis said that Laura's death would not prompt immediate changes in policy. "It is not a fair thing, nor is it intelligent, to make new policy [following] a disaster," he said.

Dr Brenda Almond, a medical ethicist from Hull University, said that it would be wrong to project adult feelings on to Laura's experience.

People treating children should be less reluctant to raise the issue of death with them. "Children show, in their writing and their drawing, that they do understand. We should accept that they may understand and be able to deal with it."

Laura's parents, from Eccles, Greater Manchester, are still in Pittsburgh and are not expected to return to Britain until arrangements have been made to bring home their daughter.

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Dr Andreas Tzakis, the transplant surgeon, shows the strain as he answers reporters' questions about Laura

Four deny knowledge of kidnap schoolboy

THE search for Oliver Malkin, who was abducted as he stepped off a school bus near his home in Brittany on Monday, is continuing with no new leads after four potential informants told a High Court judge yesterday they had no idea of his whereabouts.

Police throughout Europe are hunting for Oliver, 12, and his father Peter Malkin, 54, who will be arrested on sight if he returns to Britain.

Solicitors for Oliver's mother, Eliza Pridmore, 36, served orders on the four to appear yesterday. At a private hearing, Mr Malkin's brother Anthony, 58, was questioned, followed by Jeremy Warner, manager of Peter Malkin's Bridge Place Country Club in Canterbury, Kent, and former club employees Len Widnall and John Rice. Attempts are being made to serve orders on four others thought to have information.

Kent police are trying to trace a VW Golf, registration 990 KNF 75, which failed to stop at a French police checkpoint after the abduction. In the car were a man, a woman and a child.

Bogus social worker tries to abduct baby

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

A MOTHER foiled a kidnap attempt by a bogus social worker when she grabbed her 14-month-old daughter from the woman who had tricked her way into the house.

Police issued a national alert yesterday, warning parents to check the identity of visiting professionals after the attempted abduction at Keighley, West Yorkshire, the latest in a spate of incidents involving bogus social workers.

The attempt abduction occurred at lunchtime on Thursday when Rachel Wearmouth, who has three children, opened the door to the woman, who claimed to be Miss Jones from Keighley social services.

The woman told Mrs Wearmouth that she was investigating claims of abuse involving her daughter Megan. After asking personal questions, the woman said she was taking the child. She fled after Mrs Wearmouth managed to grab the child. Since then, she has telephoned Mrs Wearmouth, threatening to return. Mrs Wearmouth said: "I picked the phone up. It was quiet for a few seconds. Then she said, 'You might have been lucky this time, but I'll get your baby.' It was definitely the same woman.

"Now I feel like a prisoner in my own home. I dare not send my children to school. I am looking over my shoulder all the time and I jump every time the phone rings.

"She was very plausible and I had nothing to hide so I let her in. Megan played with her toys in front of us. When she started asking my baby's name and how many children I had, I became suspicious. I asked for some identification and she grabbed Megan and went for the door. The door sometimes sticks, and I was able to grab Megan back."

Police are looking at possible links with similar incidents in Leeds and Bradford. The woman they are looking for is 30 to 40 years old, small, slim-built with gingerish hair and metal-rimmed glasses.

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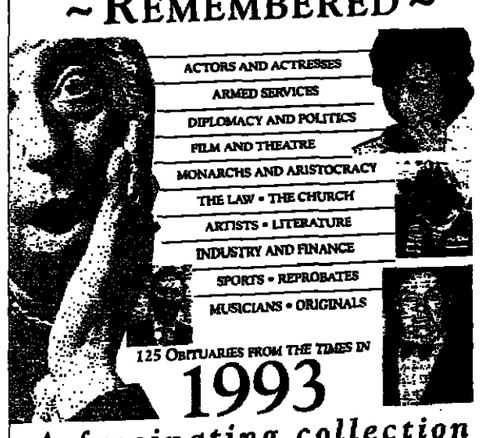
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Stalwarts hope that raising the stakes will help to oust right-wing rebels

Major's survival linked to 1922 elections

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

LEADERS of Tory MPs loyal to John Major have directly linked his prospects of political survival with the outcome of the 1922 Committee elections later this month.

In a private letter to backbench colleagues, the 10-strong leadership group raises the stakes in the contest by saying that it is of "special importance" given the government's difficulties.

The group, led by Sir Cranley Onslow, a former chairman of the 1922 Committee, was formed after a meeting of about 60 MPs.

In the letter, it warns MPs that the prime minister needs their full support if he is to surmount challenges. "We believe it is essential that the parliamentary party should be seen to be united in support of the prime minister and his colleagues during what is bound to be a very testing year."

Rightwingers hit back last night, saying that the letter, a copy of which has been passed to *The Times*, could backfire on Mr Major if the loyalists do badly. A rebuff for them would be seen as a rebuff for the prime minister, it was claimed.

The self-styled loyalists are drawing up a list of "mainstream" candidates to challenge anti-Maastricht rightwingers for seats on the 12-strong executive committee of the 1922 in the ballot of Tory MPs on November 25. The right wing has already agreed its candidates.

Amid much bitterness over the Maastricht vote rebellions, the loyalists have aimed for at least five rightwingers on the committee, including Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 92 Group, the largest rightwing faction on the back benches. They want to punish the rebels and loosen the right's grip on the executive. The composition of the executive is important because "the men in grey suits" would have a critical role in any leadership crisis. As the parliamentary party's shop stewards, they have the power to tell the prime minister that he has lost the support of MPs and should go.

The other MPs in the loyalist leadership group are Robert Banks, Henry Bellingham, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Michael Jopling, Jacqui Lait, Peter Temple-Morris, Sir Gerard Vaughan, Ray Whitney and David Wilshire. They were chosen to reflect a spread of ages and opinion on the Tory benches.

There have been signs of defections to the loyalist camp, and some rightwingers are privately gloomy about their chances of holding off the challenge. One predicted that the right would be "slaughtered" in the poll.

But others criticised the loyalist leadership, pointing out that it contained two MPs who had recently rocked the boat.

Sir Gerard abstained in the Maastricht paving vote, when Mr Major's leadership hung by a thread, and Sir Nicholas was at the head of 14 MPs who wrote to Mr Major saying that they would vote against further substantial defence cuts.

One senior rightwinger described the group as a "ragbag" of patricians and loners.



Sir Cranley: seeking to weaken right-wing grip



Sir George: one rebel whose 1922 post is threatened

Chancellor leads cabinet backing of Tory basics

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

KENNETH Clarke last night led senior ministers in their bid to bolster John Major's "back-to-basics" policy, stressing that the theme will run through all areas of government activity.

A series of speeches by cabinet ministers were aimed at dispelling accusations that the philosophy will have only cosmetic effect and represented little significant change in government thinking.

Reports that senior civil servants were resisting some back-to-basics ideas stung ministers into asserting the government's authority by backing Mr Major's moves towards readopting traditional values. Other cabinet ministers are expected to expand on the approach in speeches at the weekend and next week.

The Chancellor said the message would have fundamental effects on Britain's role in Europe and on economic policy. "The prime minister's message applies just as much to economics as it does to law and order and to education," he said.

The Tories stood for basic principles of low inflation, sound finance, free trade and fewer burdens on wealth creation, Mr Clarke told the Conservative Group for Europe in Loughborough, Leicestershire. He was joined by David Hunt, the employment secretary, and Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, in driving home the back-to-basics message.

The theme was denounced by David Blunkett, the Labour party chairman, as a cynical act of deceit. Mr Blunkett headed Labour's campaign to discredit the ideas by saying that government attempts "to find a diversion from their social and economic policies should be tackled head-on".

Mr Blunkett told a party meeting in Leeds: "It is worth asking just where those traditional Tory values were seen. In the workhouse, through mass unemployment, through insanitary and degrading slums, through ill-health and exploitation, and in a world of lawlessness and drunkenness. Unemployment, poverty, ill-health and lawlessness are the outward symbols of Conservative values in the last 14 years."

Labour's core values, he said, were those relating to the real needs of people in Britain — "the values of shared responsibility between the individual and the state, between local and central government, between the family and the nation.

"With this government it is always someone else's fault," Mr Blunkett said. "It is never their fault — single mothers, the unemployed, the European Community, even the 1960s are blamed," he said.

☐ The blight of "bumf and bureaucracy" must be wiped from Britain to make schools, social care and hospitals respond to people's needs, John Redwood, the Welsh secretary, urged yesterday.

Mr Redwood said he feared that administrators in the health service and education system, in particular, had become too immersed in the technical minutiae of government reforms, rather than concentrating on the ultimate objective of improved service.

Reynolds 'prepared to abandon No 10'

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland Correspondent

FUNDAMENTAL differences between London and Dublin over the future of Northern Ireland were highlighted yesterday when Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, was reported as saying he was prepared to abandon his joint peace initiative with John Major.

In comments reported by the Irish press, Mr Reynolds said: "If it comes to it, I will walk away from John Major and put forward a set of proposals myself."

His comments, which his office said were part of a private conversation, came at the end of a week in which the two governments have outlined differing proposals for the future of Ulster.

Mr Reynolds was speaking at a Whitney Houston concert in Dublin on Wednesday night which he was reviewing for a local radio station. He said, in remarks that were meant to be off the record: "I'm absolutely committed to bringing peace in this island. I'm not prepared to let this opportunity go.

"We must find a formula to end violence. It's absolutely crucial for all of us — and for the future of this island."

Mr Reynolds was also reported as saying that a firm set of proposals should be put forward before Christmas, and he called a summit he is to hold with Mr Major in Dublin on December 3 to discuss proposals for Ulster "make or break time".

Mr Reynolds insisted last night that there was no rift with Mr Major. But he conceded that there was "a slight difference of emphasis".

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Bailed driver imprisoned for killing woman of 83

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A BANNED driver who ran down and killed an 83-year-old woman while out of prison on licence and on bail for motoring offences was jailed for ten years yesterday.

Judge Richard Lowry QC said at the Old Bailey that Lee Brown's behaviour after hitting his victim, Nancy Joyce, "defied description".

He added: "I have to think of the public. There is nothing the court can do to help the friends and family of Nancy Joyce but I have to reflect the horror felt by the public."

Instead of stopping after hitting Miss Joyce as she crossed the road, Brown, 25, drove off at speed, running over her body and dragging her more than a hundred yards under the car as he swerved from side to side trying to dislodge her.

The court was told that Miss Joyce, who was frail and only 4ft 9in tall, might have survived had she received treatment after the initial impact, even though that had hurled her 12ft into the air.

Miss Joyce, of Walworth, south London, a popular figure known as the bird lady, had been adopted as a granny by a local family.

At an earlier hearing, Brown admitted manslaughter and driving a stolen car while disqualified in April this year.

The accident came three months after Brown was released on licence from prison, where he had been serving sentences for offences that included reckless driving. He had previous convictions and jail terms for drunk driving, car theft, reckless driving and driving while disqualified.

The judge was also told that Brown had been bailed within a month of release from prison on charges of car theft, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance.

He was due to appear before Tower Bridge magistrates on April 20. Miss Joyce died on April 9, when Brown was driving a Volkswagen Polo stolen by a friend.

The car hit Miss Joyce after accelerating from behind two others as the old lady made her way across the Old Kent Road. John Boyle, a witness, told the court: "She went up into the air about 12ft."

Brown seemed to collide with another car, Mr Boyle said, but then "drove over her, one wheel on her chest and one wheel on her shin. I could see people waving their arms and screaming, 'You are killing her. Stop'. There was no way the driver could not have known what was happening."

Brown later told police he was taking his girl friend to buy heroin and had not been concentrating as they were arguing. He said that he panicked and drove off. "I was on a ban and was frightened."

Brown and his girl friend abandoned the car and were chased by Sgt Anthony Westcott, an off-duty policeman, but escaped. Miss Joyce was flown to hospital but died an hour later from multiple fractures to the ribs and pelvis.

Brown, a former heroin addict, was arrested two days later at a friend's home in New Kent Road, and told police: "I was going to hand myself in today. It was an accident."

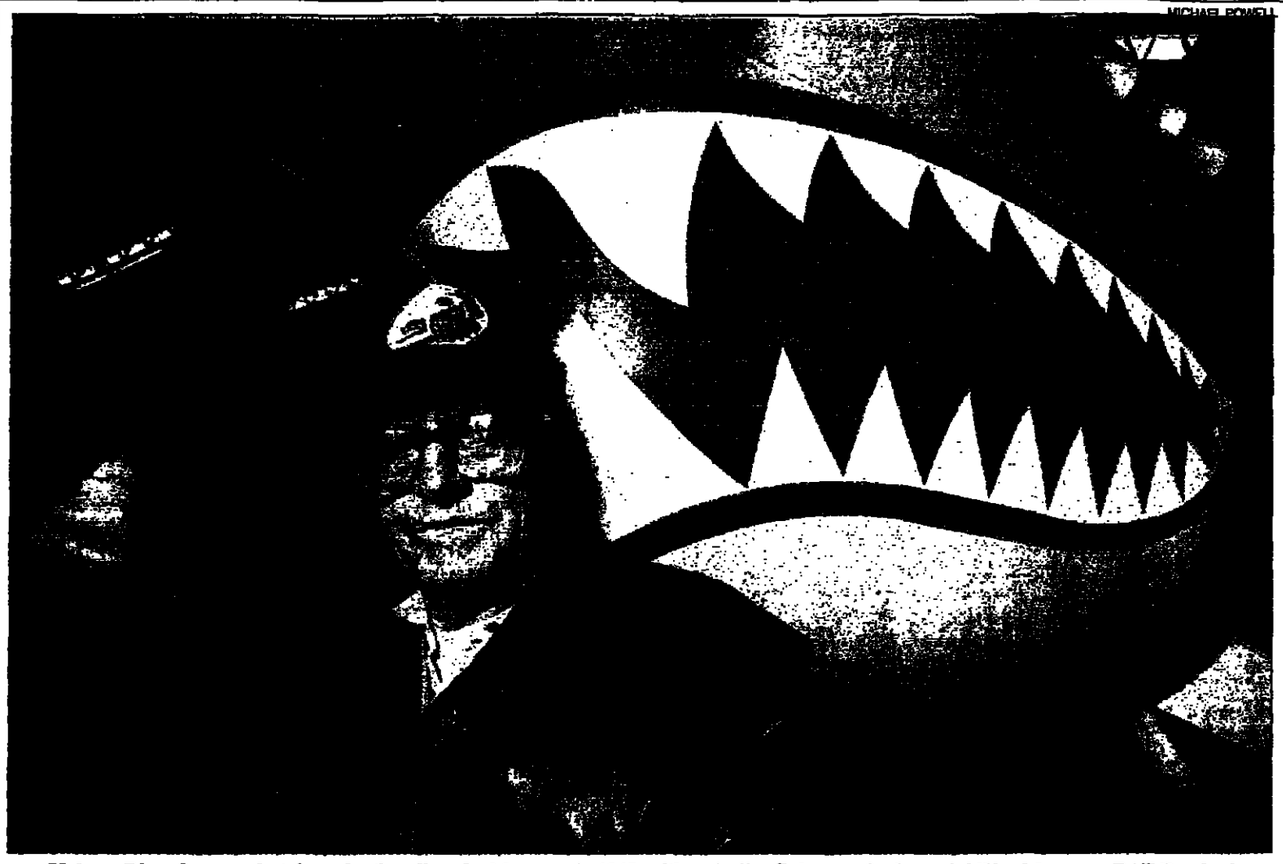
Brown, of the Dickens Estate, Bermondsey, south London, was also banned from driving for 15 years, and sentenced to six months concurrent on each of the other charges against him.

☐ A drink-driver, disqualified seven times in ten years, was jailed for four years yesterday after accidents that killed an 81-year-old grandmother and left a man brain damaged.

Thomas Skinner, 33, a plumber, of Forest Gate, east London, who has never had a licence or insurance, was so drunk he could barely walk as he made his way to his van, the Old Bailey was told.

He crashed into a Mini causing serious brain damage to the driver Yasim Axan, 20, from Walthamstow, east London. A few minutes later, he careered into a van, killing the passenger, Gladys Suckling, 81, from Saffron Walden, Essex. Skinner admitted causing death by dangerous driving on August 1 this year.

Joyriders' rampage, page 1



Helmut Rix, who was shot down by the pilot of a Mustang in 1945, with a similar fighter at the Imperial War Museum, RAF Duxford

War pilots aim to revive brief encounter

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A FORMER Luftwaffe fighter pilot is hoping to meet the man who shot him down 48 years ago, ending his war on his first sortie.

Last month, after an eight-year search, Helmut Rix received a letter from Lee Kilgo, the American Mustang pilot who attacked his single-seater FW190 near the German-Czechoslovak border.

Mr Rix, 71, who has lived in England since 1951, said at his home in Sudbury, Suffolk: "He remembered the 2nd of March, 1945, the same way I did. He saw me go down and bale out. He was glad to know that I survived the war and I am glad he survived as well."

The two men are trying to organise a reunion. Mr Rix, who is married with two grown-up children and who worked in textiles in Britain until his retirement four years ago, is hoping someone will pay his fare to enable him to travel to Mr Kilgo's home in Atlanta.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amnesia woman gets £950,000

A woman whose memory span was reduced to 30 seconds by brain damage she suffered in hospital was awarded £950,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday.

Frances Hearn, 49, of Hornsey, north London, was left with such severe amnesia that, although physically healthy, she will need care for the rest of her life. The award, plus interest and costs, was against Bloomsbury and Islington Health Authority, which did not contest liability.

Mrs Hearn was admitted to Whittington Hospital, Highgate Hill, in January 1987 with a suspected viral infection of the heart muscle. It was alleged she had been given inappropriate drugs and inadequate care.

Theft charges

Detectives working on Operation Bumblebee have made 51 arrests in dawn raids in Hailsham and Eastbourne, East Sussex. Stolen property, drugs worth £30,000, guns, swords and machetes were seized.

Walk-on parts

Former patients at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital in Lincolnshire are being given an amnesty today to return crutches, wheelchairs and walking aids.

Flying colours

Katherine Ridgewell, of Great Waltham, Essex, who first flew at 13, has gained her private pilot's licence at 17 after 60 hours' flying.

Drug found

Police found 600 kilograms of cannabis worth £2 million in the lining of boxes stored in a garage at Ewell, Surrey.

Breaking glass

The number of bottle banks has risen from 17 in 1977 to 9,651, the British Glass Manufacturers' Confederation says.

Drinkers see red at pink pub sign

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GROUP campaigning to stop breweries changing the names of ancient pubs went on the offensive yesterday after the historic Castle Inn at Donnington, Berkshire, was renamed The Pig In Hiding — complete with pink pig signs outside.

Roy Bailey, the chairman of the Campaign for Real Ale in West Berkshire, called for a change in the law so that brewers would need planning permission to alter pub names. He said it was appalling that the Whitbread brewery, which owns the Castle Inn, planned to establish a string of pubs with the "puerile" pink pig logo.

"The thought-processes of marketing people in the licensed trade, especially in big breweries, are so alien to those of normal human beings that a lobotomy appears to be the requisite qualification for their employment," Mr Bailey, a cameraman who won *Mastermind* in the late 1980s, said.

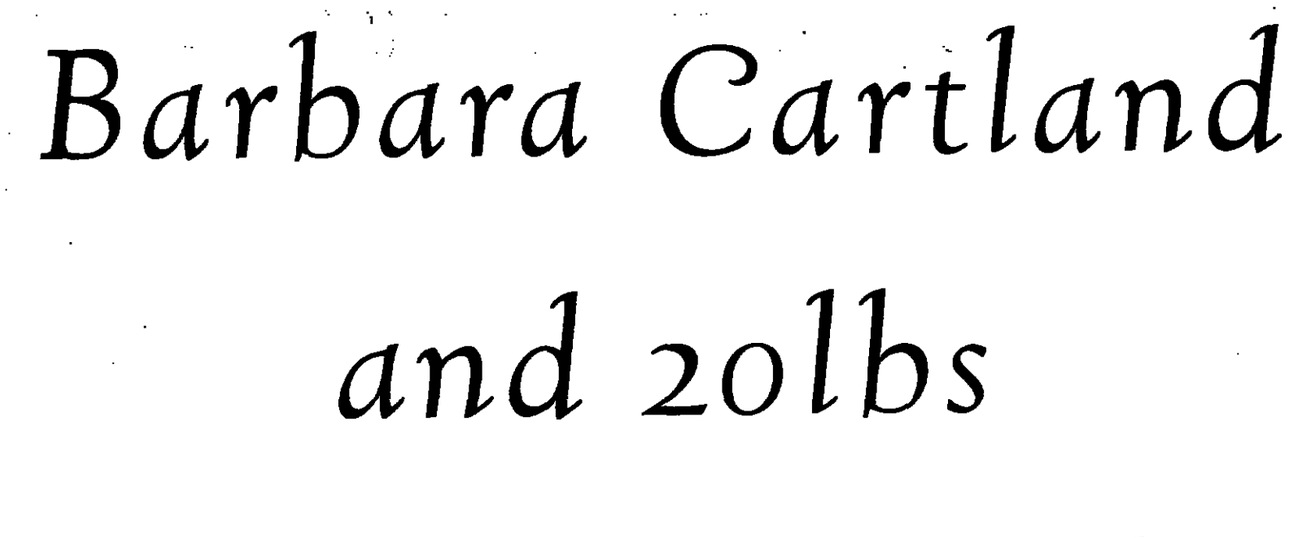
"The Castle stands within sight of Donnington castle, and it or its predecessor would have witnessed the roar of cannon and musket, the scream of horses and the shouts of soldiers 349 years ago when the second battle of Newbury was fought.

"The pub deserves better than to be the target of some ignorant executive's fatuous marketing theories. Everyone I have spoken to is appalled.

"We will be taking action to get the original name restored. It would be nice if Whitbread could be persuaded to see the error of its ways. In Cirencester, attempts to change the name of the 600-year-old Crown pub to the Slug and Lettuce were blocked by the local council."

John Passington, assistant manager at the pub, said: "It hasn't made much difference. The beer is still the same and the regulars still call it The Castle."

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Pierre Gruneberg teaching Eve Paris breathing technique with a bowl of water at the Savoy in London yesterday. Mrs Paris was one of several pupils who were helped to overcome their fear of water on a visit to the hotel's pool, opened recently by M Gruneberg, who is *maitre nageur* at the Hotel Bel Air, Cap Ferrat

Tweedie, icon of feminism, dies at 57

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

JILL Tweedie, the feminist writer and broadcaster who inspired a generation of women, died yesterday.

Ms Tweedie, who was 57, died in a hospice in Hampstead, north London, four months after being diagnosed as having motor neurone disease.

As a columnist with *The Guardian* from 1969 to 1988, she championed many feminist causes, including the treatment of mothers in childbirth, at home and at work.

She wrote several books, including *Letters from a Faint-hearted Feminist* and *Eating Children*, an autobiography published earlier this year. She was Woman Journalist of the Year in 1971.

Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, said: "Jill Tweedie was a wonderful journalist and a wonderful companion. She wrote incisively and vividly and with great originality."

Sally Feldman, joint editor of BBC Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*, to which Ms Tweedie made regular contributions over the last three years, said that journalism had lost a star. "She represented the best



Tweedie: had motor neurone disease

in women's journalism, combining wit and spirit, fierce morality and enormous charm."

Polly Toynbee, the BBC's social affairs editor and a close friend and former colleague, said: "She influenced so many women writers and touched and changed so many women's lives. She will be bitterly, bitterly missed."

Ms Tweedie was born in Egypt in 1936 and married a Hungarian count at the age of 18. The couple had two children, a son and a daughter before the marriage broke down. In 1963, she married Robert d'Ancona with whom she had a son. Ten years later, she married the novelist and journalist Alan Brien.

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Diplomats praise prince's Gulf tour

By Alan Hamilton

THE six-day tour of the Gulf by the Prince of Wales ended yesterday with British diplomats in the region agreeing that his recent speech on Islam at Oxford had paid dividends.

Throughout the visit to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, the prince was accorded an unexpectedly high degree of official welcome and earned praise for his plea for greater understanding between Christian and Muslim.

David Gore-Booth, the British ambassador in Riyadh, was delighted that King Fahd of Saudi Arabia went to greet the prince, rather than the other way round. In Kuwait, the prince was invested with that state's highest honour, the Gold Medal of Mubarak the Great.

During his tour, the prince's speech was broadcast on television throughout the Arab world, including Iraq, where newspapers dismissed its author as "a notorious playboy, well-known in the cellars of the night and in whore-houses throughout Europe".

While praising the sentiments of the speech, some Islamic commentators saw it as the work of the British government rather than the prince, delivered as a prelude to his trade mission this week.

Tour officials said the Oxford speech was only one reason for the warm reception. There is still a fund of goodwill towards Britain for its role in the Gulf war.

Arab rulers, whose countries are sometimes closer to absolute monarchy than parliamentary democracy, also have a natural affinity with the representatives of other hereditary monarchies. King Fahd's unusally generous 75-minute midnight chat included much enquiry after the health of the Queen and the Queen Mother.

"The prince is not a government minister coming to put his signature on contracts," one of his staff said yesterday. "But having close links at the very top is a crucial part of the trade relationship. If you do not have these links, business is much more difficult.

"Bringing the prince is about building an atmosphere; his presence puts Britain briefly but dramatically into very high profile."

Aycliffe report

Juvenile centre 'had no coherent policy'

By Paul Wilkinson

A CENTRE for some of the country's most delinquent juveniles has been run for the past 20 years without a coherent policy or aim, according to an enquiry report yesterday.

The report says that the Aycliffe Centre for Children in Co Durham, has benefited many young people. However, the review says that staff and administrators failed to agree on the centre's philosophy, purpose and function.

Peter Kemp, Durham's director of social services, yesterday refused to blame Dr Masud Hoghughi, 55, the centre's director who took early retirement last summer after 22 years in charge.

Last year, staff passed a vote of no confidence in him, complaining of his autocratic style. Mr Kemp would say only that Dr Hoghughi was no longer employed at the centre. "I make no comment about him. We are talking about the future not the past, about a change of culture and policies."

Last summer, the government's social services inspectorate supported complaints by former residents that excessive physical restraint had been used against them. People living in the nearby town of Newton Aycliffe had demanded action over growing crime allegedly committed by residents of the centre.

The enquiry team, led by David Peryer, an independent social welfare consultant, and Frank Whitelock, Durham's child planning officer, listed a number of failings. The planning and implementation of service initiatives had been ad hoc and opportunistic, and some services depended on a few key personnel who could leave and be difficult to replace.

Some services were provided by staff who were insufficiently qualified, skilled or supervised to meet the required standard, and the lack of clarity over the proper purpose of the centre "severely hampers its operational efficiency and effectiveness".

Staff involved in treating the children were inadequately qualified, experienced or skilled for their designated roles, the report said. "Many expressed considerable ambivalence regarding their understanding of the treatment function and the centre appears to fall well short of its self-imposed standard of excellence." The centre had "no agreed common philosophy" on what education its residents should receive.

On physical restraint, the enquiry found that the number of incidents were "unacceptably high in some parts of the centre" although there was no evidence that the restraint at present exercised constituted an abusive regime.

The enquiry team also expressed surprise that senior staff were not highly enough qualified for their duties and noted that the centre had been significantly out of step with key changes in social work law and practice.

Recommending an overhaul of Aycliffe's operations, the report calls for a reduction in the number of children in its open unit from 77 to 30, and a concentration on youngsters from the North East only.

They found that the problem of absconding related almost entirely to its open facility in which, by law, children in care cannot be kept under lock and key. Many of those who did run away were from outside the area. The report also suggests that the age of admission should be raised from 8 to 12.

Aids vaccines fail real-life HIV test

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

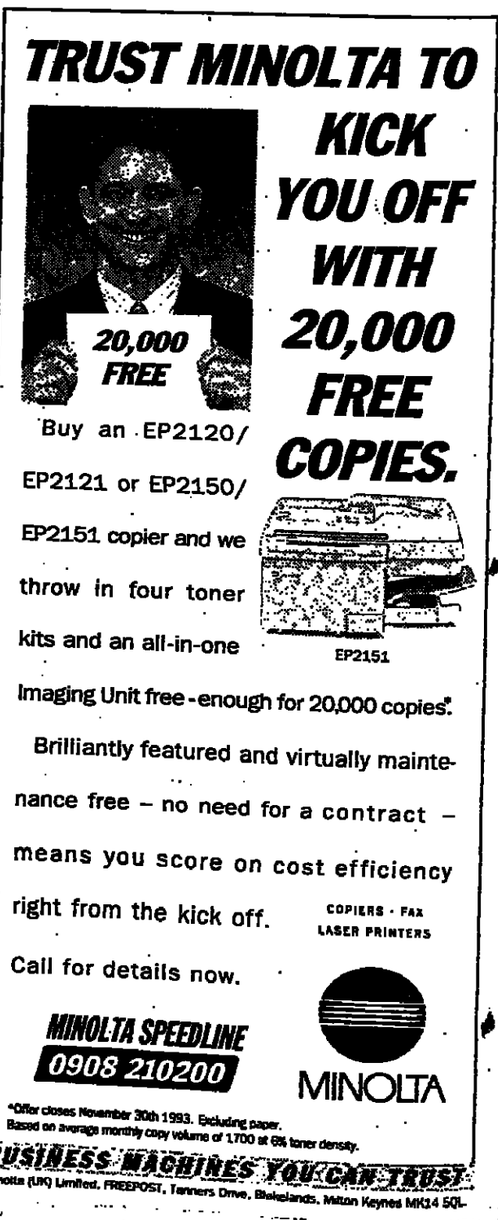
HOPES of preventing Aids by the use of vaccines have suffered a setback. There are doubts among scientists that any of the vaccines about to go into clinical trials will work.

Until recently, hopes were high because several vaccines had shown the ability to raise antibodies against HIV, the virus that causes Aids. But more recent experiments, in which the vaccines have been tested against real-life strains of HIV as opposed to those grown in the laboratory, have produced no antibodies.

Dr Anthony Fauci, head of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), told the American journal *Science*: "It certainly does make me anxious about going forward with large-scale efficacy trials."

A conference last week organised by NIAID was told that almost all the vaccines tested had failed when used against HIV from real patients. In the laboratory of Professor Dani Bolognesi, of Duke University, a leading Aids vaccine researcher, six vaccines have failed. Only one vaccine, produced by United Biomedical Inc, of New York, showed any hint of success, and then in only one person.

Now NIAID is to review whether vaccine trials due to start soon should go ahead.





KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

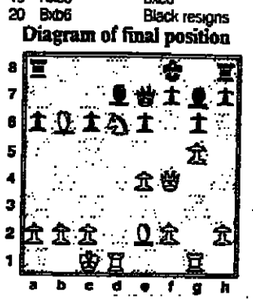
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4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	d6
6	g4	Be7
7	g5	Nfd7
8	Rg1	Nc6
9	Be3	Nb6
10	Bb5	Qc7
11	Qh5	g6
12	Qh6	Bf8
13	Qh4	a6
14	Be2	Bg7
15	0-0-0	Bd7
16	Ncb5	Qd8
17	Nxd6+	Kf8
18	Qf4	Qe7
19	Nxc6	bxc6
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Pressure grows for Arts Council rethink on orchestra grants

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE judge chairing the Arts Council panel that may be responsible for the death of two London orchestras has signalled his unhappiness with the task.

The committee led by Sir Leonard Hoffmann, a High Court judge, will recommend which of three orchestras will have "enhanced funding". The other two will lose their state funding, which could lead to their closure.

But in a letter to the Musicians' Union (MU), which is opposing the plans, he says "... I would, if anything, be relieved if the result of your efforts was that no action was taken upon any recommendation we may make".

In an earlier letter to the MU, Sir Leonard said: "I can perfectly understand your opposition to the decision of the Arts Council to cease funding two of the London orchestras and (speaking for myself) I regret that it should have found it necessary to do so."

Dennis Scard, general secretary of the MU, said it was clear that Sir Leonard felt he had been "handed a poisoned chalice". He added that the MU would redouble its lobbying to stop any funding withdrawal.

Sir Leonard's comments will be welcomed by the international music world, and come as further protests have cast doubt on the Arts Council's plans.

The Berlin Philharmonic has joined the opposition, led by eminent musicians such as Lord Menuhin, Sir Colin Davis and Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. The latter has threatened to give up his knighthood and leave Britain — "a country that so scorns its people that it would deny them music".

A meeting of European orchestral associations in Munich this weekend is expected to condemn the proposals and to send a protest letter to Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council. Executives from all of the great European orchestras will attend the meeting of the Performing Arts Employers Association League of Europe.

The plans to rationalise London's orchestral provision were announced in July. A competitive bidding procedure for state subsidy was set up, which the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Philharmonia entered.

Funding for the London Symphony Orchestra, resident at the Barbican Centre, will not be affected because it is generally considered to be the best.

The exact figure for enhanced funding that the winning orchestra will receive from the Arts Council has not been announced, but the two losers will have their grants withdrawn.

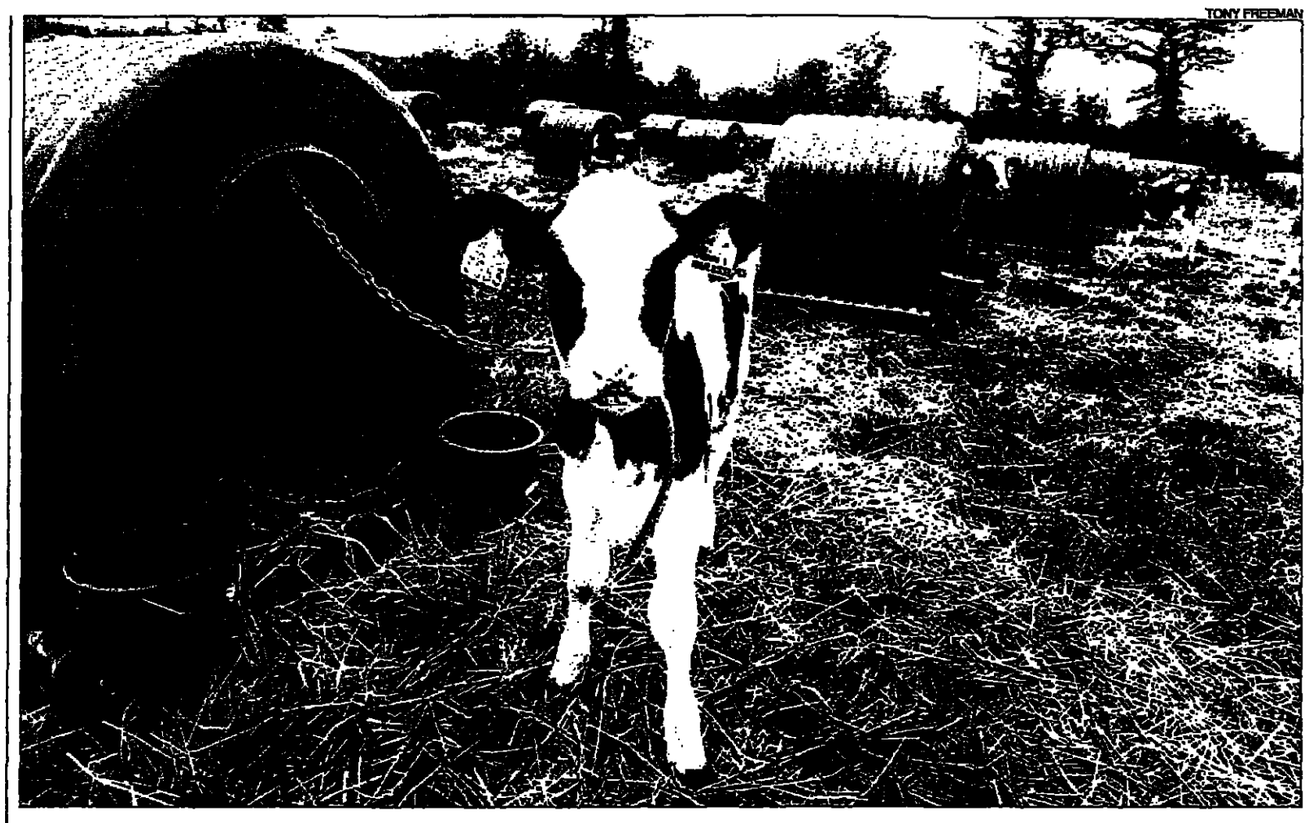
Dr Helga Grunevelt, of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, said its reaction to the funding cuts had been surprise and sympathy. "We all know that London is a unique place in having four major and leading orchestras. The government should give all of them a certain basic standard of existence."

If the two losing orchestras had to close, London would be much less attractive to the international musicians who currently enjoy its varied musical scene, Dr Grunevelt added.

This weekend, the three orchestras will submit oral evidence to Sir Leonard's panel to support their claim for funding. The panel will make recommendations to the Arts Council on December 3, although there is growing speculation that the organisation may be forced into a partial climbdown because of the strength of opposition, in particular to the timescale it has set down. It hoped to announce the winner next month and to withdraw funding in April 1994.

The Arts Council refused to comment.

TONY FREEMAN



Heifer calves enjoying the creature comforts of calf kennels yesterday at a farm at Crediton, Devon. The green plastic hutches, which cost £150 and rest on a gravel bed for drainage, are the latest fashion in British dairy farming. They are bringing big improvements in health, according to vets and farmers (Michael Hornsby writes) They have been used in Canada, France and the United States for years and about 200 dairy farmers here are now using them. Heifer calves, being reared for milk production, are removed from their mothers and kept in the French-made hutches for their first six to eight weeks. They have straw bedding, feed from a bucket and are tethered by a 5ft chain. Isolating each animal inhibits the spread of disease.

Credo

After the turmoil, rejoice in peace

George Austin

After this week's General Synod, the Church of England might have been in chaos, with opponents of the ordination of women on their way to Rome, orthodoxy or oblivion. Instead, peace has broken out. Not an entirely comfortable peace nor a peace without controversy, but peace nevertheless, after a year of pain following the vote in November 1992 and the years of sometimes vicious debate that preceded it. The act of synod has given the church more than a breathing space. Some might see it as merely a method of keeping within the church dissident traditionalists until they see the error of their ways. It is not that, nor even a waiting time for the new order of the priesthood of women to be "received" — or not if it became clear to the church that a mistake had been made.



Much more, it is a recognition that there are no easy answers in theological debate, and that because the answers are hard there must be gentleness in discord. It is an attempt to achieve a fundamental biblical awareness that the human mind cannot encompass the fullness of the God of creation.

How can my mind encompass the reality of a God who could create the universe in a micromoment of a Big Bang and at the same time care enough for me and for every one of the creatures made in his image? It would be a presumption beyond all arrogance to believe that I could understand how that God could become flesh in Jesus Christ, who was killed on a cross only to rise bodily from the dead on the third day. I believe it, absolutely and without equivocation.

But I cannot understand it. And it is more than possible that because of the inadequacies of the human mind and the mysteries of the God to which the faith refers, my understanding is to say the least imperfect. There is the absolute truth that God became incarnate in Jesus Christ, but there are varieties of interpretation in the nature of that incarnation, and of the resurrection, of salvation, of eternity, of all the profound doctrinal beliefs of God's church. The genius of Anglicanism has been to encompass that diversity.

Trusting in God, that which seemed to divide us will, ultimately, prove to be another enlightening aspect of the mystery of God.

In the matter of women priests, this week's act of synod has been part of that godly comprehensiveness. As such, it might begin to heal the hurt of those — like me — deeply wounded by the decision to ordain women. More important, it is a beacon for a warring world, a profound moral lead showing that the deepest division can be overcome if love is strong and determined.

☐ *The Ven George Austin is Archdeacon of York*

Synod report urges clergy to retire at 65

BY A STAFF REPORTER

ANGLICAN clergy should be encouraged to retire at 65 to make way for younger priests, the General Synod was told yesterday.

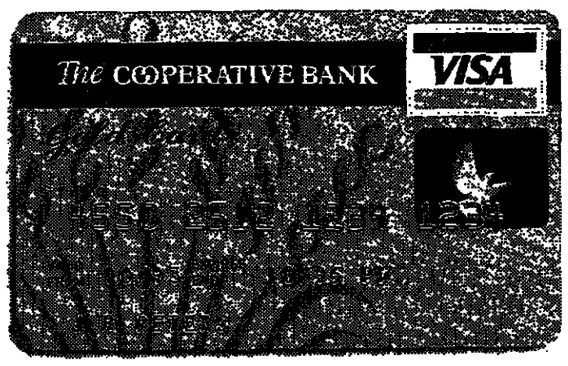
Priests can stay on until they are 70, or longer in some cases. But there are now more clergy than the church has jobs for, and bishops are being asked to suggest to older priests that they retire at 65 or after they have served for more than 37 years.

The proposal was part of a report debated at the synod in London yesterday. *Order in Diversity* is an attempt by the Advisory Board of Ministry to present a "corporate plan".

The report was moved by the Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Rev Barry Rogerson, who said: "We need younger people."

The Archbishop of Canterbury said the calling to be a parish priest must be presented "to able young men and women as something which will bring forth from them creative skills and spiritual commitment of a high order".

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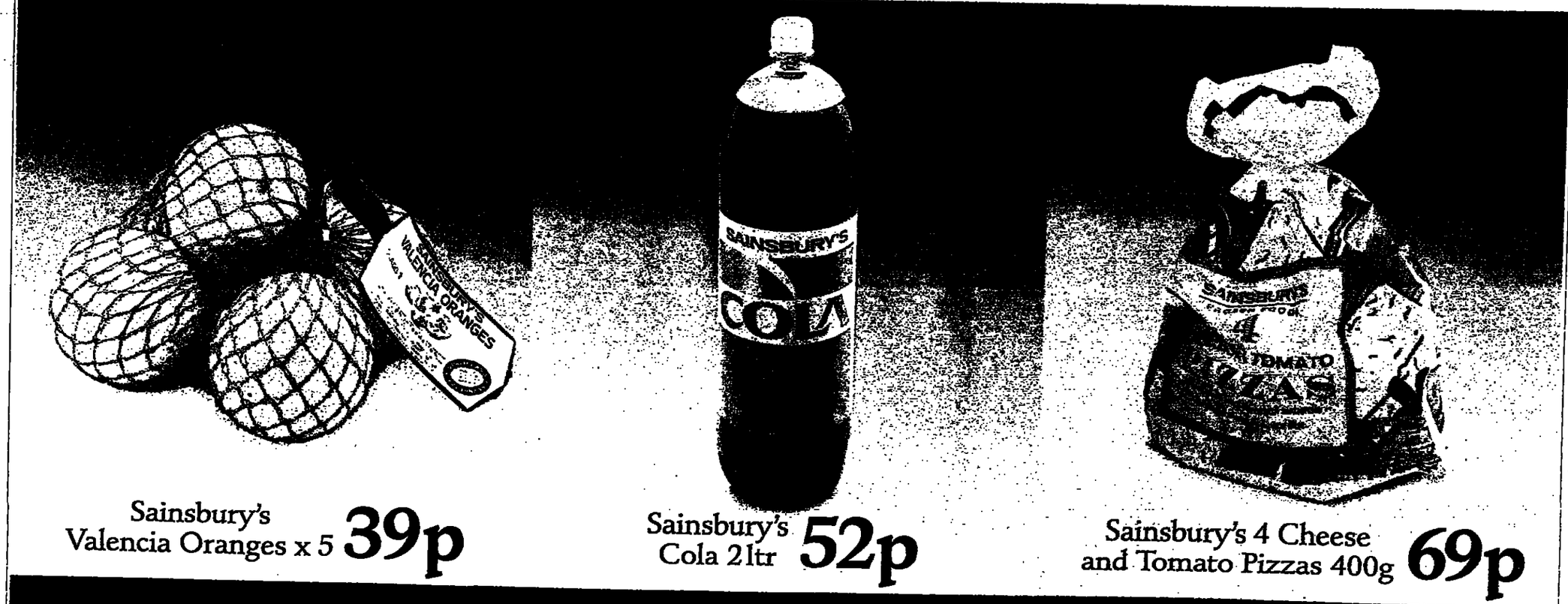
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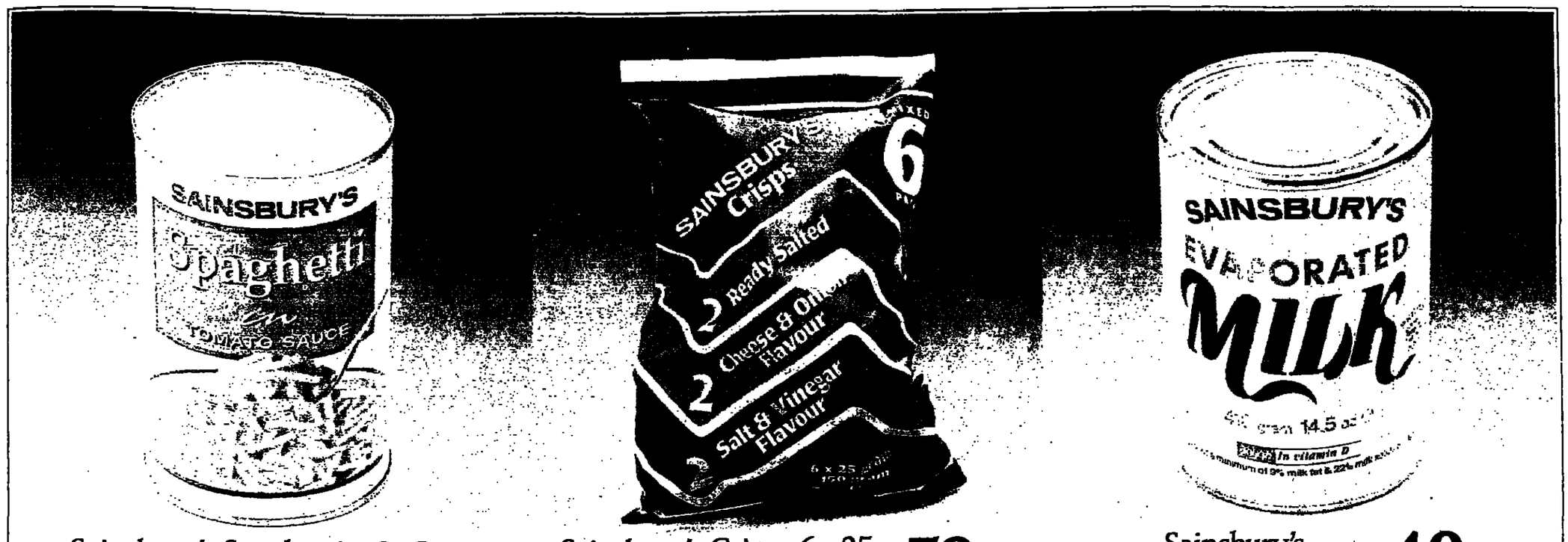
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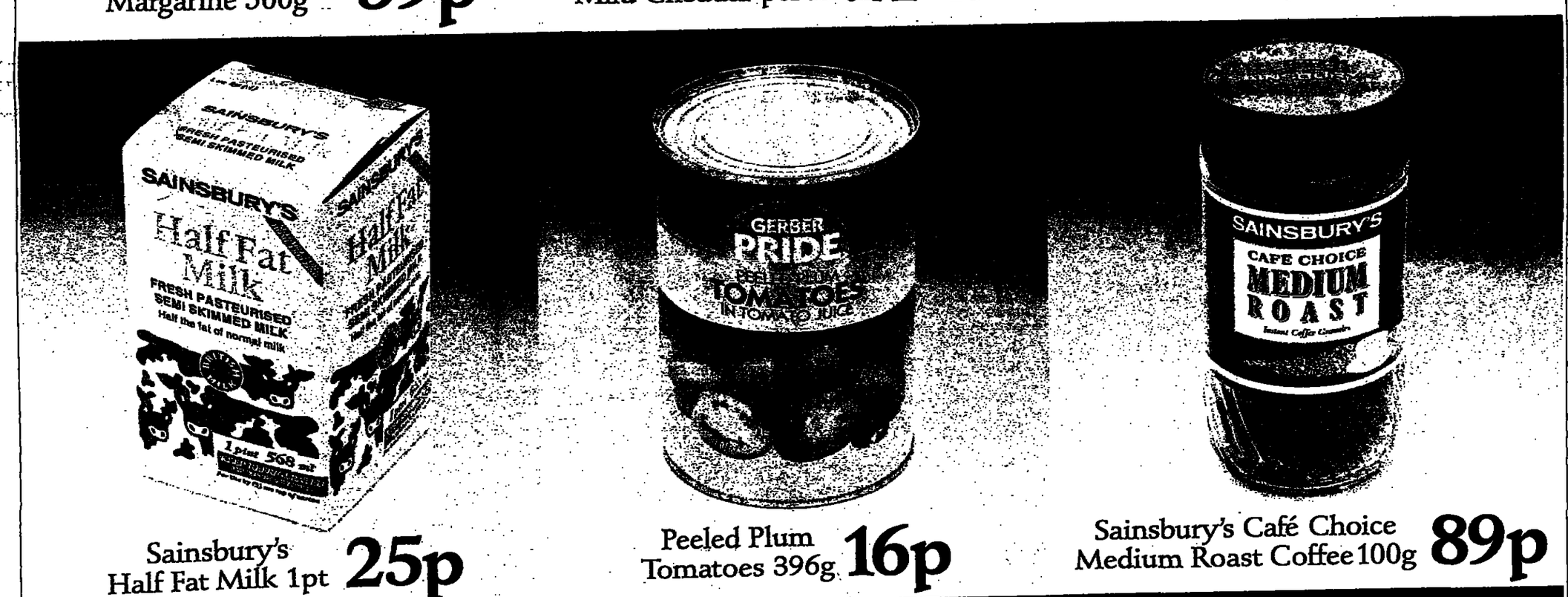
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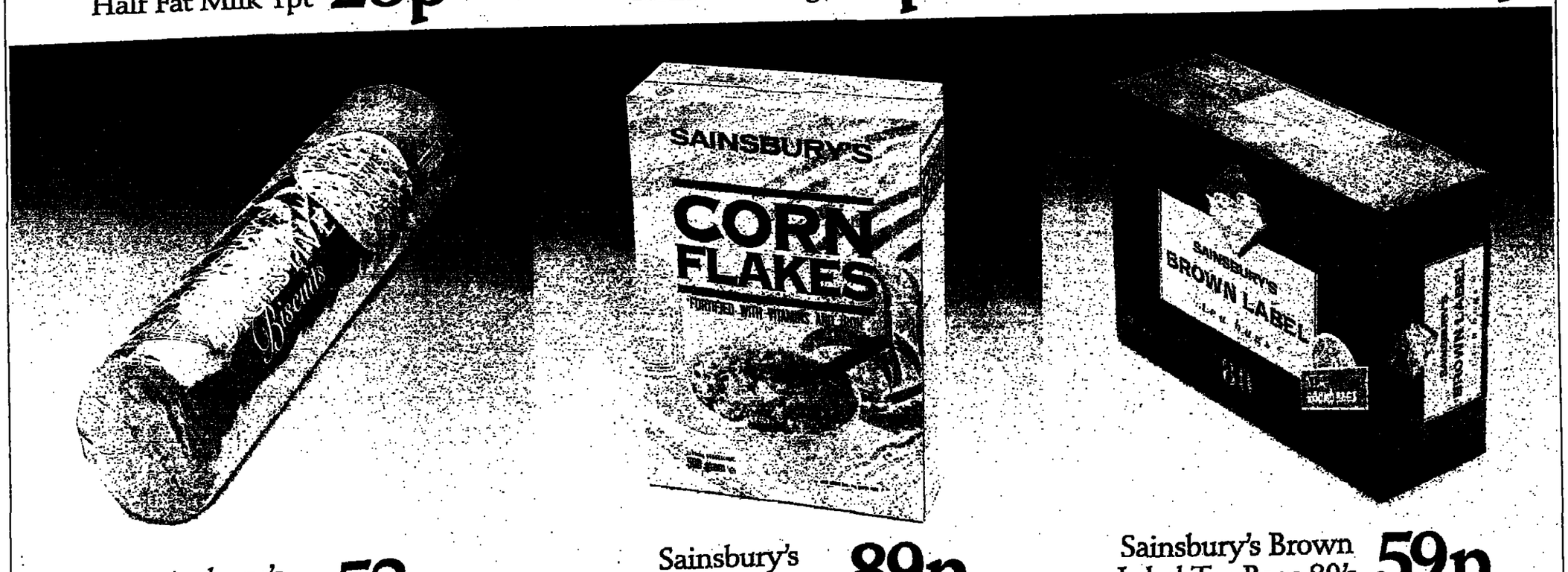
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Kravchuk strives to find 'middle way' for Kiev economy

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN KIEV

■ Observers are warning Ukraine of the dangers of slow reform, but President Kravchuk continues to hope for a staged programme of currency and price controls

TWO years after Ukraine gained its long-awaited independence, its reluctance to depart from the economic habits of the Soviet era persist.

The government has shunned radical reform and left political and industrial elites unchallenged. President Kravchuk talks stubbornly of a "middle way" between communist command economics and free market capitalism while the country grows poorer. A hyperactive central bank churns out worthless coupon money to bail out uncompetitive industries whose products no one wants.

In the grey dawn of a particularly cold November, shoppers stand in long queues outside bakeries and butchers. Shortages of even the most basic foods are common, exacerbated by housewives hoarding provisions to offset inflation of 70 per cent per month.

The average monthly salary of 350,000 karbovanets (£8) will not buy even a tank of petrol. In Kiev's private central market fruit and vegetables cost four times their price in Moscow.

Public buildings are barely heated due to gas and oil shortages and an argument with Russia over energy tariffs.

This week Mr Kravchuk ordered a temporary closure of the currency exchange in a Soviet-style attempt to regulate the dollar conversion rate. He then presented parliament with measures aimed at pulling Ukraine out of its deep doldrums, consisting of a three-stage programme which envisages the introduction next year of currency and price liberalisation.

Mr Kravchuk's desire to maintain stability in a country that has a 22 per cent Russian minority and strong regional differences, together with his background as a communist functionary, blind him to the catastrophic effects of his failure to institute real reforms. But former Soviet citizens know from Mr Gorbachev's reforms that multi-stage plans are likely to founder and leaders who want to alter their economies do so best by starting straight away.

Ukraine is ignoring warnings from Western economists that hyperinflation will result in financial crash or the destruction of the social fabric. Mr Kravchuk betrayed his confusion about reform when he told parliament: "We have unequivocally chosen the path of liberalisation combined with strengthening [state] control over all economic processes."

The Ukrainian leader, a former inflexible communist who suddenly embraced the nationalist cause in 1991, helped prise Ukraine out of Moscow's grip in the aftermath of the August coup. He owes his presidency to this and to securing independence without rousing the resistance of the Russian minority or the mighty military industrial complex. Now, however, the country is paying the price for having such a cautious figure at the helm.

The failed uprising and accompanying violence last month in Moscow rattled both Mr Kravchuk and the equally conservative MPs. There will be elections for president and the parliament in March and June next year respectively.

The belief that Ukraine, the bread basket of the Soviet Union, would always be richer than Russia has been confounded. "I never thought I would hear myself say it," said one pensioner in the marketplace, "but give me back the Soviet Union. We did not live well then but we always knew we would survive — now we cannot be sure even of that."

Ukraine sect leader charged

BY ANNE MCELVOY

A HEAVY police presence remained on the streets of Kiev yesterday despite the capture of the chiefs of the Great White Brotherhood cult as followers pledged to flock to St Sofia's Cathedral to mark the end of the world their leaders prophesied for tomorrow.

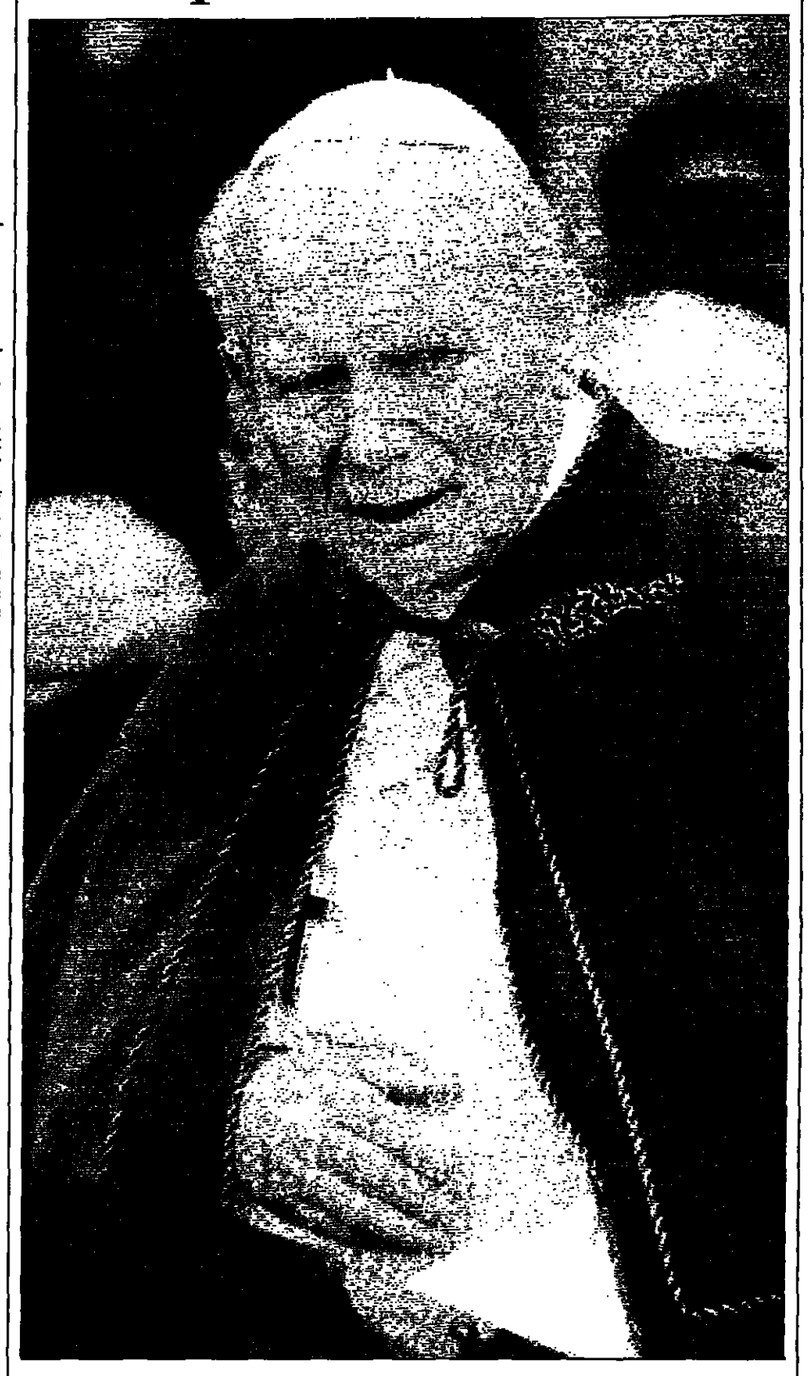
Border checks have been stepped up after a call by Maria Tsvygun who styles herself "the living God" to followers to converge on the Ukrainian capital at the weekend. Miss Tsvygun has been charged with "hooliganism" after she and Yuri Krivonogov, her husband and the cult's chief ideologist, were arrested on Thursday during brawls with police in the cathedral. If Miss Tsvygun had not been charged, she would have to have been released today.

Miss Tsvygun has claimed that police who arrested her were "forces of Satan". Anxious to avoid further violence, the authorities have told Kiev residents to stay away from the church tomorrow. Services have been suspended.

Miss Tsvygun had pledged to commit suicide there on Thursday and rise again tomorrow. She now says that she will be "sacrificed" while in police custody and some of her followers are continuing to threaten mass suicide to mark her death and herald the day of judgement.

Sixty members of the cult have been arrested following the clashes. Valentyn Nedrehaylo, the deputy interior minister, said yesterday: "They are becoming more aggressive. Some are in a state of deep psychosis while others are calmer and just pray and chant." He added that the sect had a hierarchy of "apostles" prepared to take over its leadership.

Pope to rest after fall



THE Pope, looking tired and drawn, leaving the Gemelli hospital in Rome to return to the Vatican yesterday with his right arm in a sling after tripping and dislocating his shoulder. The pontiff, 73, was kept in hospital overnight after doctors administered a general anaesthetic to put back the shoulder (Philip Willan writes). The Pope also suffered a fractured shoulder joint when he fell while descending the steps from the papal throne in the Vatican audience hall at the end of a meeting. The Pope is expected to return to his duties from tomorrow. Doctors said his arm would be in a sling for a month but he would still be able to sign Vatican documents. "The Pope will certainly be able to ski again, but it is difficult to say exactly when," added Professor Gianfranco Fineschi, the head of orthopaedics at the Gemelli.

Mussolini dreams of glory on road to capture Naples

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN NAPLES

Allesandra Mussolini's fiery campaign to become mayor of Naples entered its final week yesterday. The granddaughter of *Il Duce* is already preparing to greet world leaders at a G-7 meeting here next year.

"I will take President Clinton to see the Spagnoli quarter," said Signora Mussolini, 30, referring to the beautiful but notorious slum district that is the headquarters of the Camorra, the Neapolitan equivalent of the Mafia. A native Roman and MP for the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, Signora Mussolini claims Neapolitan blood through her aunt, Sophia Loren.

"Everybody speaks ill of Naples," she mused. "Certainly it would take a lifetime to recount the city's problems, there are so many. But there are positive sides as well; the monuments, and the people, who have a dignity that you do not find elsewhere."

Signora Mussolini erupts at allegations by opponents that she might be manipulated by organised crime or the discredited political masters of Naples, many of whom are under investigation on suspicion of corruption and links to the Camorra.

"This morning I opened the newspaper and read about the 'mayor of the Camorra'. It was talking about me," she screamed at a crowd of women during a debate in an exclusive club. "But these people are *pazzi* [insane]."

Signora Mussolini won 57,000 votes in Naples in last year's general election. If she wins the mayoral race, southern Italians are expected to vote heavily for the neo-fascists in an early general election to be held next spring.

Following a recent electoral reform, Italians are electing mayors directly for the first time next week in several cities including Rome, Venice and Genoa. But Signora Mussolini has dominated media attention.

Signora Mussolini should easily garner enough first round votes on her anti-corruption slate in the mayoral election tomorrow week to fight a run-off, political experts say. Her main opponent is Antonio Bassolini, the dreary MP for the Democratic Party of the Left.

"La Mussolini is much more *simpatica*," explained Amelia Pervito, a restaurant owner in Spagnoli. "Neapolitans are fed up with the grey politicians in suits from old parties. Many men would prefer a beautiful woman."

Signora Mussolini's plans to revitalise Naples and ease the official 25 per cent unemployment rate, demolish much of the Spagnoli area to eliminate houses still unsafe from the 1980 earthquake and make the city a free port. She denies the latter would only encourage the already thriving cocaine and cigarette smuggling market and hopes to lure back visitors.



Mussolini: claims Neapolitan blood

Opinion polls have given her between 25 and 28 per cent of the vote in the first round, with Signor Bassolino taking 30 per cent and Massimo Caprara, a maverick Socialist, 10 per cent.

"My team on the city council will have men from the left and from the centre because Naples is in a fierce war," she said. "Let us make her the queen of the Mediterranean."

☐ **Falcone claim:** The magistrate leading the enquiry into the murder of Giovanni Falcone, the anti-Mafia judge blown up with his wife and three bodyguards in Palermo in May 1992, said the Corleone clan, Cosa Nostra's bloodiest, was responsible. *(Reuter)*

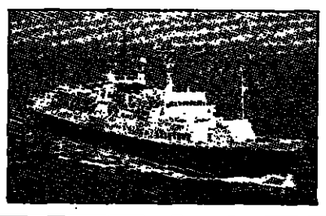
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DAY 5 Lombok Lombok is only just beginning to develop its tourism possibilities. The atmosphere is similar to that of Bali thirty years ago. Drive through the beautiful scenery to Kuta and Wayala Beach and to Sukarare to see traditional weaving.

DAY 6 Sumba Known in former times as Sandalwood Island, this is one of the most fascinating islands of the Nusatengarra, best known for its beautiful 'Ikat' fabrics which are a true work of art. See also the perfectly constructed high-peaked thatched roofed houses and the huge sculpted stone tombs.

DAY 7 Sawu On arrival at this handsome and lush island one is often greeted in the traditional way by charging horsemen along the beach. The cultural life of this tiny island is healthy and thriving, the traditional dances are fascinating and the woven materials splendid. See the ancient carved megalithic monuments.

DAY 8 Timor A day to explore Kupang, the provincial capital with an intriguing mix of Dutch and Portuguese influences. Captain Bligh landed here after his epic journey in the Bounty's long boat. Visit the local museum and excellent handicraft centre.

DAY 9 Labala Keep an alert watch for whale herds which frequent one of the few areas in the world where traditional whaling, very much an own match, is still practised. Traditional weaving will be on display as will a collection of bronze drums, part of a bronze age culture and still used as part of a bride's dowry.

DAY 10 Flores Named by the Portuguese 'Cape of Flowers', Flores' colourful and varied culture results from the island's position at the centre of traditional trading routes and the influences of Islamic, Molluscan, Portuguese and Dutch traders over the centuries. Weather permitting we will make a trip to Keli Mutu, one of the world's natural wonders: three adjacent multi-coloured lakes atop a volcano.

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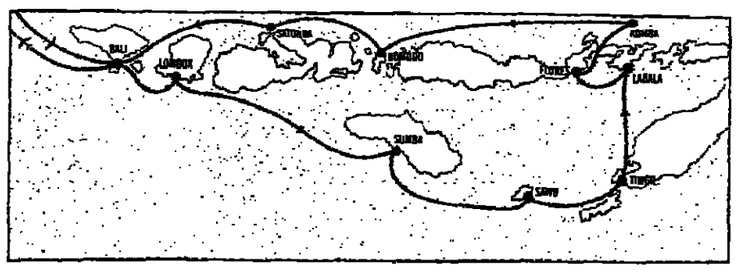
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UK Nazi band face Swedish entry ban

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

SWEDISH officials are attempting to stop a British Nazi rock band who sing about burning down immigrants' shops and deny that the Holocaust took place from playing a concert in the country next week.

The band, No Remorse, had been invited to play in Gothenburg by the Swedish White Aryan Resistance movement, a loose-knit neo-fascist organisation that claims it has already sold 400 tickets for the event.

But Frank Orton, the national discrimination ombudsman, said he would try to stop band members from entering the country because their concert could spur racial hatred. "I have seen the text of one of their songs and I would say it is an incitement to racial hatred. This is too much and they should be stopped with as little noise as possible."

This could be done through immigration controls, which state that if someone is presumed likely to commit a crime in Sweden they can be prevented from entering the country, he said.

The concert has not been advertised publicly. Instead invitations have been circulated among skinheads and neo-fascist groups. The invitation says that if the concert is successful, other British and German Nazi bands would be invited.

No Remorse use viciously racist lyrics attacking Jews, Asians and Afro-Caribbeans. In extracts played on Swedish radio yesterday, the band claims: "The world will know that Adolf Hitler was right."

☐ **Rostock:** The mayor of the eastern German city of Rostock said yesterday he would resign after coming under heavy criticism for last year's neo-Nazi riots. An investigating committee said Klaus Kilimann's administration failed to act effectively after rioters attacked a refugee centre filled with gypsies and Vietnamese in August last year. Racist violence then followed right across Germany. *(AP)*

UN defies Serbs to fly out Sarajevo wounded

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IN AN unusually brazen action, the United Nations flew nine wounded from Sarajevo yesterday, after Bosnian Serb authorities denied them permission to evacuate the group.

But the delays, while the UN appealed in vain for the Serbs to reconsider, will probably cost one of the evacuees her life, the mother of two of children among the wounded. The woman, 39, was severely burned in a natural-gas explosion in her Sarajevo apartment.

The accident also badly burned her daughters, aged ten and 13, both of whom were evacuated to the Nato air base in Ancona, Italy. The family and three other patients will remain in Italy for treatment. Another three are being flown on to Turkey.

The self-styled Serb presidency in the neighboring town of Pale, had delayed the evacuation since Thursday. The Serbs had demanded that the UN submit the name of each patient to be evacuated. Usually such conditions are rejected, on the grounds that an evacuation's appropriateness should be a medical, rather than political decision. But the urgency of several of yesterday's cases persuaded the UN to bend its rules and accommodate what it thought was an unreasonable demand in order to save lives.

But after the names had been submitted, the Serb leadership again refused to grant permission, stating that notice of the evacuation had not been given early enough. In the early afternoon, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the UN agency charged with directing the humanitarian effort in Bosnia, took the unusual step of defying the Serbs. "It was a life-threatening situation and we decided to go ahead", explained Ray Wilkinson, a UNHCR spokesman, adding that he was concerned that the Serbs might retaliate against further agency efforts.

The nine wounded were taken to Sarajevo airport and, while the Serb officers who monitor UN activity at the airport were not in sight, they were put on a Canadian cargo plane that had dropped off food and medicine.

In Vitez, Muslim soldiers detained a BBC television crew for three hours on accusations of spying in central Bosnia, Allan Little, its correspondent said yesterday. Mr Little, his camera man, sound man and translator were taken on Thursday to the Bosnian army's 7th Brigade headquarters in Zenica and accused of carrying fake accreditation and of spying for foreign powers.

The Turkish foreign minister, Hikmet Cetin, flew to Sarajevo yesterday for a meeting with Bosnian Croats and Muslims. Mate Granic, the Croatian foreign minister, will join the meeting. Stjepan Klujic, a Croat member of Bosnia's collective presidency, said Bosnian officials would ask Granic for a ceasefire and free passage of relief supplies bound for Sarajevo and central Bosnia.

Coldstreams take over Vitez duty amid threat of attack

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN VITEZ

LIEUTENANT Colonel Alastair Duncan, commanding officer of the departing Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire, bade an informal farewell to the Lasva valley yesterday at the British United Nations base here. He shook hands with his successor, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Williams. The old unit's plaque was replaced by that of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards. Colonel Duncan smiled a lot. Colonel Williams looked serious.

He has every reason to be. The 870 men and women of his battalion group have entered a valley fraught with peril, on the eve of a potential Muslim offensive. From vantage points at Gornji Vakuf and Vitez, one held by Muslims and attacked by Croats, the other the opposite, Colonel Williams' men must protect UN convoys and provide them with as secure as possible an environment through which to travel. So far this appears to be relatively simple as there are no convoys: all were suspended after a Danish UN driver was shot dead last month.

The previous battalion found themselves exposed to rising hostility in which they are estimated unofficially to have killed between 30 and 40 gunmen while returning fire. In the same period 14 British soldiers were medically evacuated. "I'm not proud of killing people but it was necessary at the time. We had to demonstrate robustness," Colonel Duncan said.

Such robustness seems to have struck a chord with the Coldstreams, who have already fired 90 rounds from two of the Warriors' guns in reply to a Bosnian sniper. Even before the official handover they received their first casualty — the driver of a Warrior who received a graze wound from a Croat gunman.

The Lasva valley remains the largest Croat enclave within Muslim territory, and Vitez is the powerbase of the Croat militia. It contains a munitions factory essential to the Muslim war effort.

Fresh from their relatively bloodless success in capturing Vares, many Bosnian units have been redeployed in the hills above Vitez. Beneath them a demoralised Croat population is convinced the final offensive is imminent.

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Negotiators agree to curb homelands' powers

■ Weary delegates at talks trying to create a new South African constitution are finding ways of speeding up the process but are still struggling to meet their deadline

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH African constitutional negotiators have agreed that a series of repressive measures in the homelands should be scrapped and that the state president should be empowered to repeal or substitute any others.

The decisions came as negotiators entered the final stages of their marathon at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park near Johannesburg. The constitution will only have the force of law when passed by parliament at a special session at the end of this month.

The negotiators have begun to intervene in the affairs of the black homelands, in one case overruling the South African government to do so. The homelands most affected are KwaZulu, Bophuthatswana and Ciskei, which are boycotting the talks and whose leaders have joined the white right wing in the Freedom Alliance.

Many of the delegates are looking haggard and were taking vitamin pills throughout 14-hour sessions to produce an interim constitution before a series of self-imposed deadlines. Thursday's deadline for completion of the constitution had already been extended to Monday, and may well spill over into Tuesday.

In order to complete matters speedily the government allowed itself to be overridden in a small but significant matter contained in a draft electoral bill.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu, yesterday faced a possible division within his Inkatha Freedom Party. While a number of hardliners in Inkatha are reported to favour boycotting the elections called for April 27, another more moderate group is quietly prepared to fight on the hustings. They have planned a R10 million (£2 million) fighting fund, and a new electoral alliance and new colours are also on the cards. The new alliance will separate themselves from the white right-wing, and relaunching themselves as the African Federal Congress. The African National Congress has protested that both the name and the new colours closely resemble those of the ANC. Frank Mdlalose, Inkatha's chairman, said yesterday that the party was "preparing itself and gearing itself to be able to take part in national democratic elections for a new government sometime in 1994." But he emphasised that it "is not interested in elections for a constitution-making body." Reports of a split in the party were officially denied.

The Freedom Alliance held another meeting with government negotiators yesterday over ojections to the Kempton Park talks and went away with a package of proposals which will be discussed over the weekend. Talks will resume on Monday.

Important issues still outstanding at Kempton Park between the government and the ANC include a deadlock-breaking mechanism for drawing up a new constitution, and aspects of local and regional government.

☐ **Dar es Salaam:** Tanzania has formally lifted trade and economic sanctions it imposed against South Africa 30 years ago. *(AP)*



Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, which is divided over the boycotting of elections planned for next year

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sri Lankan army fears 300 killed

Colombo: The death toll in the Tamil Tiger guerrilla attack on Sri Lankan army camps at Pooneryn in the north of the island may be as high as 300 with another 200 taken as prisoners, according to military sources (Vijitha Yapa writes).

With the main camp overrun, many of the troops were fighting on, but reinforcements were having difficulty in getting through surrounding rebel-controlled territory.

Taiwan hijack

Taipei: A Chinese doctor and a civil servant armed with surgical knives and fake bombs hijacked a Chinese airliner to Taiwan, saying they were dissidents seeking political asylum, in the third such incident in eight days. *(Reuter)*

Nature preserve

Oslo: Norwegian scientists are studying two mummified seals, found in Antarctic ice, which may be 100,000 years old. The seals were found by an expedition 160 miles from the sea at 3,500ft. *(Reuter)*

Rift in colony over dismissal

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

A SCANDAL has erupted in Hong Kong over the dismissal without charge of one of the most senior officers in the colony's virtually autonomous Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Alex Tsui Ka-kit, 46, was dramatically marched out of ICAC headquarters last week. The commissioner, Bertrand de Speville, described Mr Tsui as "one my most senior and trusted officers, a very experienced man". Yet Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, says he supports the decision to dismiss Mr Tsui "101 per cent".

Mr Tsui had been in the ICAC since its beginnings in 1974. Trained at Cambridge and Bramshill Police College, he became deputy head of its Operations division, whose almost 800 officers make up 60 per cent of its posts. It is understood that Mr Tsui was destined to become the first local commissioner after the Chinese takeover in 1997.

He has vigorously protested against his dismissal — without specific charge — accusing his immediate superior, Jim Buckle, of a "racial standpoint which has led to double standards". He declares, too, that he is considering legal action because "the actions of the commissioner are improper and unlawful".

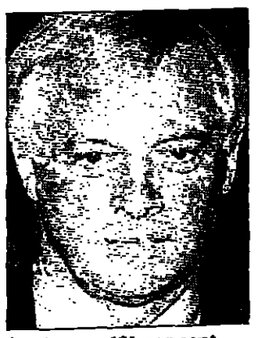
What Mr Tsui has encountered seems to be a backwash of rumours about the Triads, Hong Kong's criminal secret societies, which are alleged to have penetrated Thai kick-boxing, a sport in which Mr Tsui took a great interest, as a fighter, coach and referee.

No public charges have been laid against Mr Tsui. His sacking came under the ICAC's Section 89 [2] which means the commissioner can instantly dismiss an officer after informing the governor. No reasons need be given, even to the governor.

Summoned before the Legislative Council yesterday to explain Mr Tsui's dismissal, Commissioner de Speville declined to do so. The council has now written to Mr Patten demanding an explanation. Selina Chow, of the council's security panel, said last night: "We feel this dismissal is controversial. It's a question of public accountability."

The ICAC's methods, especially those of its 150 to 200 surveillance agents trained by British intelligence, whose identities are known to only three officials — one of them probably Mr Tsui — and who operate from safe houses, are highly secret.

Hong Kong has had a long tradition of corruption and Mr Patten has regularly commented that corruption is a major and growing danger to the colony's way of life, and contrasts the battle against it here with its universal practice across the border in China.



Patten: 101 per cent support for decision

Drug hunter traps cocaine chickens

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA

Colonel Rogelio Vargas is an old hand at hunting drug traffickers in the deep Chapare jungles of eastern Bolivia. He boasts about dozens of raids on cocaine laboratories, and is particularly proud of an occasion when his troops detected lorryloads of live chickens stuffed with bags of "snow dust" on the way to airstrips in the city of Santa Cruz near by.

"The chickens were meant to stay alive long enough to get the cocaine across the border in the small aircraft which traffickers use", he said. The commander of the Leopards, a police unit trained by the US Drug Enforcement Agency to fight against Bolivia's cocaine barons, claims that in recent months his troops have been succeeding in their war on the trade.

Neatly lined up on his desk at the Leopards' headquarters in Santa Cruz, the city that lies on the edge of the Chapare used by the traffickers for their illicit production, are plaster heads of leading barons captured recently. "We caught the top men and left the Roca Suarez Ferro Fino clan without their leaders. This has been the heaviest blow we have meted out to the 'narcos' in years," Colonel Vargas said.

The Leopards raided about 700 laboratories hidden in the Chapare and delivered 50 heads of cocaine cartels to a high security prison in the Andean foothills.

Santa Cruz, however, was targeted as the capital of the cocaine barons. The Leopards also identified more than 200 companies in the city importing hydrochloric acid and sodium needed to process the coca leaf into the white powder in makeshift laboratories set up deep in the jungle.

We "swept the luxury mansions of Santa Cruz and the large estancias where the 'narcos' live and hide their fortunes," Colonel Vargas said.

United Nations officials say the newly installed government of Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada has taken a harder line against traffickers than previous governments. International pressure and the need for foreign investment fed to the clampdown.

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Premature babies may have received HIV blood

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

DOZENS of premature babies may have been given blood infected with the HIV virus in Germany. The Bavarian health ministry said yesterday that at least 50 premature babies at one hospital had been given plasma supplied by the Haemoplas donor clinic, the second German centre to be closed because of poorly tested blood.

A further 27 hospitals in Bavaria were supplied with the suspect blood, and officials believe there may be more babies at risk.

The announcement came as Horst Seehofer, the health minister, lashed out at doctors for their slack approach to the contaminated blood scandal which has led to tens of thousands of Germans having Aids tests. Dr Seehofer, presenting measures designed to improve the checking of blood supplies, said that doctors and the pharmaceutical industry should play a much greater role in overcoming the crisis of confidence.

The minister has been heavily criticised by doctors for spreading panic by, for example, offering free Aids tests to anyone who had a major operation in the past ten years. The Doctors' Association accused Dr Seehofer of staging a "HIV show". The minister shot back yesterday: "I'm sure that those who talk about shows and panic would not submit themselves to treatment with suspect products."

Doctors have been negligent in not seeking blood donations from patients awaiting operations, the minister said. He added that doctors should have been keeping full documentation of their blood supplies from donor to recipient. It was the doctor's responsibility, he said, to bar drug addicts from giving blood.

This was Dr Seehofer's toughest comment on the procedures of German doctors. He reaffirmed his intention to give free Aids tests and said opinion polls showed 85 per cent support for such a move.

The Red Cross yesterday started to lobby for 30 new donor centres with American techniques to separate plasma from blood with a centrifuge. The Red Cross calculates that with a regular group of 40,000 donors and these new techniques, it could meet all of Germany's needs for blood and plasma products. The cost, however, would be high.

Turkish court orders execution of 15 Kurds

FROM REUTER IN ANKARA

A TURKISH military court has sentenced 15 Kurdish separatist militants to death and 14 to life imprisonment, a court source said yesterday.

The court, in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir, passed verdicts on 145 people on Thursday after a trial that began in 1981. Only 23 defendants held in prison were in court for the verdict. All the others were at large. Turkish television reported that the court passed prison terms of 20 to 24 years on five minors convicted of belonging to a guerrilla organisation, murder and attempted murder.

Thirteen members of the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) were jailed for ten to 18 years for helping in robberies, threats, and murders. A further 28 PKK members were jailed for five to ten years for membership of the organisation and another eight received sentences of one to five years.

About 700 alleged separatists were originally charged. All were charged with establishing the banned PKK.

Ankara claims treasures in British Museum

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

Turkey is celebrating its victory in recovering art treasures from New York's Metropolitan Museum, and says it hopes to do better than Melina Mercouri in clawing back items of archaeological heritage from the British Museum.

The Turks are especially keen to recover two ancient treasures every bit as fabled as the Elgin Marbles which Ms Mercouri, the Greek minister of culture, wants sent back to Athens. The Turkish treasures at the British Museum include the statues from the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, found by Sir Charles Newton in 1852. Turkey is also after the contents of the museum's Xanthus room — a shipload of friezes and sculptures brought to England from the Lycian city of Xanthus by Sir Charles Fellows in 1842.

"Melina Mercouri made the headlines by going to the steps of the British Museum; we are quietly getting our things back," said Professor Engin Ozgen, general director of Turkish museums and monuments.

The Turkish success in New York involved the so-called "Lydian hoard", part of the legendary riches of King Croesus, which goes on temporary display in the Turkish capital this month. The Metropolitan lost an eight-year dispute when a New York court ruled that the museum must have known that the 363-piece treasure it bought between 1965 and 1968 had been smuggled out of Turkey.

Turkey spent £1.3 million in legal fees, slightly more than the Metropolitan originally paid for the pieces, but the return of the collection, with a current saleroom value of £20 million, will send a warning to other dealers and buyers of Anatolian antiquities, according to Professor Ozgen. He said that Sotheby's, in particular, had agreed to consult Turkey in advance of offering for sale any Anatolian objects. According to reports, the auction house withdrew from sale last month a 10th-century Byzantine coin — part of the Kumluca Treasure, many pieces of which have surfaced in the Dumbarton Oaks collection in Washington.

Professor Ozgen holds out the carrot of sharing his country's 3,000-year history with co-operating institutions abroad. Turkey is organising an exhibition to rival the 1983 Anatolian civilisations exhibition. This time, the exhibition — of women through the millennia — may travel to other countries, including Britain.

Turkey insists that is not asserting a moral right to reclaim every item from its past that has been taken abroad. Rather, it is after those pieces to which it believes it has an unambiguous legal claim. This includes repossession of a sphinx from the Hittite capital of Hattusas (Bogazkoy) sent to Germany for restoration before the first world war and never returned. The sphinx is now part of the facade of a Berlin museum. Whether this legal right extends to items removed to the British Museum more than a century ago, is far from clear, according to David French, a former director of the British Archaeological Institute in Ankara. He described as "scandalous", however, the appearance of the head and torso of a statue of Hercules in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The lower half of the body was found by Jale Inan, a Turkish archaeologist, in Perge on Turkey's Mediterranean coast in 1980.

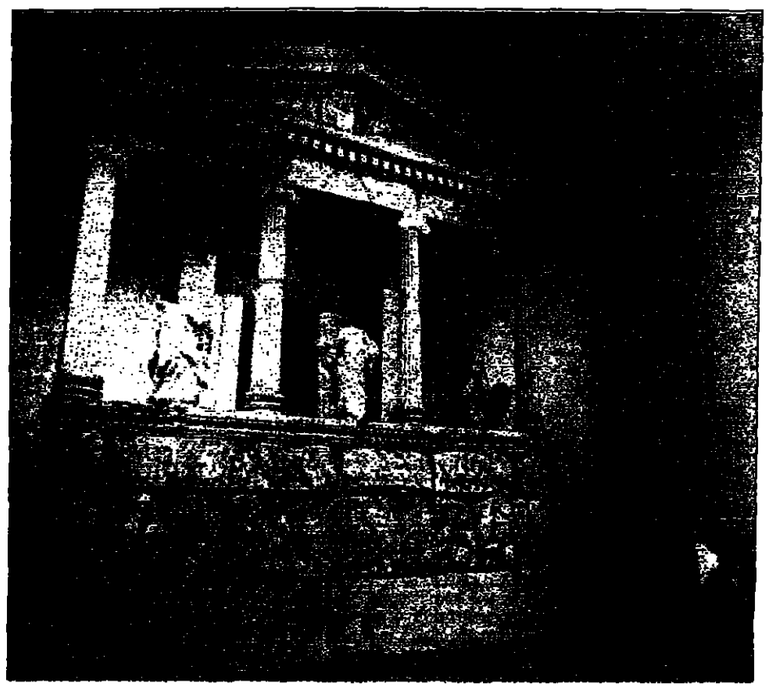
Ankara is also pursuing other items in America and Germany, as well as a Phrygian tomb stele in Switzerland. It is also joining in the fight for golden goblets and jewellery, which it says were smuggled in 1873 by Heinrich Schliemann from what may have been the site of Troy. Germany, too, is after the Trojan trove, taken to Moscow from Berlin at the end of the second world war.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



A frieze from the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, above, and a Nereid monument from Xanthus, two of the works the Turkish government hopes it can recover from the British Museum following its success in retrieving art treasures from New York's Metropolitan Museum



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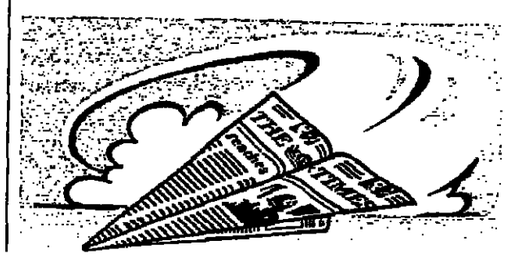
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Clinton offers Israel new fighter jets to bolster peace accord

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ **Diminishing support for the peace agreement in Israel was further eroded by disclosure that five PLO members had admitted killing a Jewish settler**

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday offered Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, a package of military and economic incentives, including the sale of a new generation of fighter jets and advanced computer technology, in a bid to advance the Middle East peace process.

The president joined Mr Rabin in demanding that Yassir Arafat denounce last month's killing of a Jewish settler by five members of a Palestine Liberation Organisation faction, saying the PLO chairman was "duty bound" to do so under the terms of September's peace accord. He also reiterated his call for Arab states to lift their economic embargo against Israel.

Soon afterwards, Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, said in Jerusalem that Mr Arafat had promised to restate an order for an end to violence against Israelis.

The American package, offered at a White House meeting, was designed to boost Mr Rabin's domestic standing and make it easier for him to negotiate peace with Syria. Israeli support for the PLO accord has slipped, and public opinion may not be ready for a separate deal with Syria involving Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights. But American officials fear the Syrians might begin actively to undermine the Israel-Palestinian accord if there is no progress soon in their negotiations with the Israelis.

Mr Rabin said he would be returning home more confident of Israel's security and its ability to achieve a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Mr Rabin indicated that the president had promised to sell new fighter planes to Israel and to remove barriers to the sale of computer and electronic technology in order to maintain Israel's military edge over Arab states. Mr Clinton indicated the US would allow Israel to use some of the $10 billion (£6.9 billion) in American housing loan guarantees to defray the $250 million it will cost Israel to withdraw its troops from the occupied territories. He also promised to keep aid to Israel at the present $3 billion a year.

Mr Rabin insisted that condemnation of the killing by Mr Arafat was essential if the terms of the September accord were not to be violated.

A military spokesman in Israel said five PLO suspects had confessed to the murder of the settler, Haim Mizrahi, killed when he went to buy eggs from a poultry farm near his home in the West Bank settlement of Bet El. The men, one of whom has since been hospitalised suffering from a brain haemorrhage possibly caused during interrogation, reportedly said that they had been acting alone.

Israel's right-wing opposition greeted the news of the confessions as vindication of their longstanding objections to the agreement, and in particular its revulsion at dealing with Mr Arafat. All three main right-wing parties called on the government to suspend negotiations with the PLO and demanded that Mr Rabin resign.

News of Fatah's involvement in the murder, which coincided with two knife attacks against Israelis in Gaza and Jerusalem yesterday, is likely further to erode public confidence in the peace agreement, which has been slipping rapidly in recent weeks, along with support for Mr Rabin.

Arafat leadership under fire

BY RICHARD BEESTON

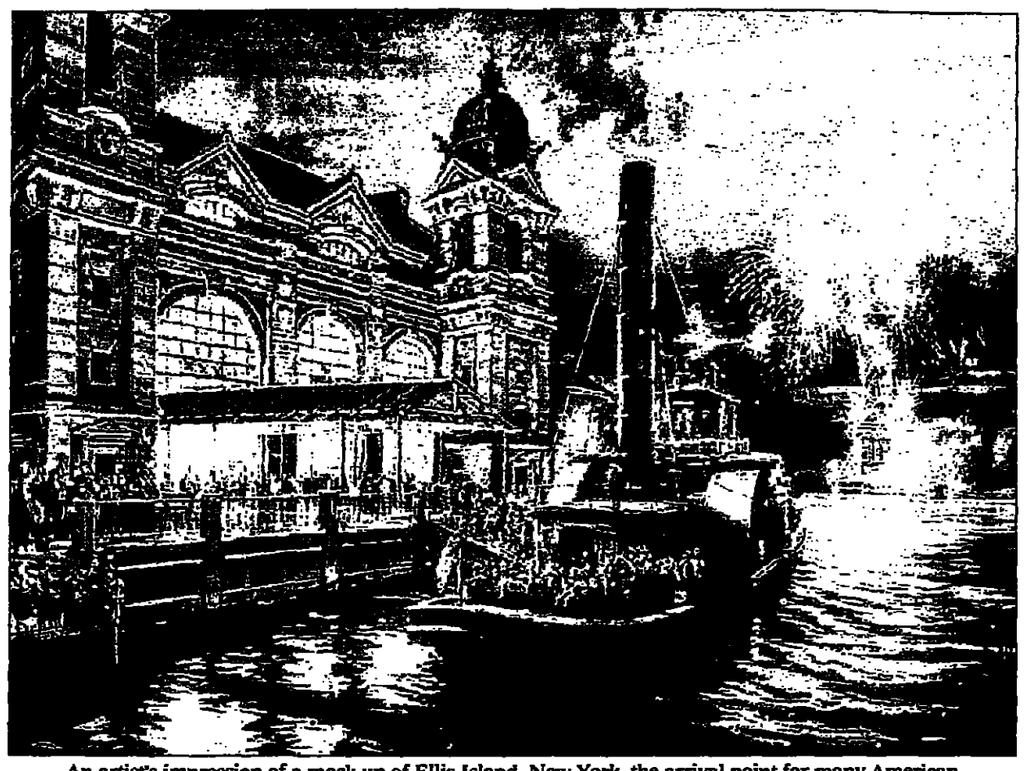
YASSIR Arafat, the PLO chairman, yesterday faced mounting criticism of his leadership from fellow Palestinians who have raised serious doubts about his ability to run a future Palestinian government.

As the veteran guerrilla chief cut short a trip to Portugal to hold key sessions with PLO leaders and members of his Fatah faction, it emerged that a document criticising his dictatorial style and his performance in negotiations with Israel has been sent to his Tunis headquarters.

"His way of running things will lead us to destruction," said Ghassan al-Khatib, a professor at the West Bank university of Bir Zeit, a member of the Palestinian negotiating team in Washington, and a signatory of the protest letter. In particular, he attacked Mr Arafat's personal control over PLO finances, his reliance on political cronies and his disregard for democratic principles. Although Arafat is finally receiving recognition in the West as the leader of his people, Palestinian politicians, academics and economists crucial to the viability of a future self-government are distancing themselves from him.

Three senior Palestinian economists have challenged the Palestinian Economic Development and Reconstruction Agency (Pedra), established this month by Mr Arafat to oversee nearly £1.5 billion of foreign aid to be spent in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

One of the most prominent appointments to the agency, Dr Youssef Sayegh, resigned from Pedra complaining that Mr Arafat's political cronies had been given senior positions, and he predicted that the economy of the occupied territories would suffer. His stand was supported this week by the World Bank, which urged Mr Arafat to "create a credible autonomous economic institution" free of political interference.



An artist's impression of a mock-up of Ellis Island, New York, the arrival point for many American immigrants, that will be a feature of the proposed Disney America Park near Washington DC

Disney empire dreams up ultimate voyage through American history

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

Ever the Pied Piper of controversy, the Walt Disney company's proposals to build a third theme park in the rolling hills of northern Virginia has attracted criticism and praise in almost equal measure: to some it is an another act of ersatz cultural colonialism by the ubiquitous entertainment company; to others, it will provide an elaborate and much-needed history lesson.

For Disney's America Park, covering 3,000 rural acres near the village of Haymarket 30 miles from Washington DC, intends to recreate no less a theme than American history — all of it.

There is already history here aplenty, principally in the form of the Manassas National Battlefield where more than 4,000 Union and Confederate soldiers died in 1861 and 1862 during the first and second battles of Bull Run. But this is history Disney-style: compartmentalised into eight distinct themes, with the traditional concession stands, theme rides and omnipresent Mickey Mouse.

Visitors, expected to number 30,000 a day when the park is fully operational, will enter the park through "Crossroads USA", a re-created town from the civil war era. This will be followed by "Presidents' Square", where computerised mannequins of every president from George Washington to Bill Clinton will utter their most profound thoughts.

Then it's high-ho for Native America, where tourists can take a white-water raft through the lives of the first Americans, followed by the civil war fort, complete with floating ironclads, as well as re-enactments of the Monitor and Merrimack battles.

A "We The People" section will explore how the various indigenous and immigrant Americans interracted to make a nation, from the Indian Wars to the civil rights movement, while the "Enterprise" section offers a roller-coaster ride through the satanic mills and blast furnaces of the steel barons' era.

But the "Victory Field" may well be the theme to pack in the younger crowds: an army airfield where "virtual reality" technology enables visitors to make second world war bombing raids and parachute behind enemy lines.

Robert Weis, senior vice-president of Walt Disney Imagineering, insists that authenticity will be paramount: "This is not a Pollyanna view of America," he says.

"We can make you a civil war soldier ... we can make you feel what slavery was like during that period, and what it was like to escape on the underground railroad."

The cost of building the new theme park is estimated at between $500 million (£342 million) and $1 billion, but since 13 million visitors already pour into nearby Washington DC every year, the profits could be immense. With Euro Disney tottering, the America Park is intended primarily to boost profits.

The effect of the new park on rural north Virginia will be hardly less profound than the impact of the civil war armies that once criss-crossed and ravaged the region. Highway 66, which passes by the site, will have to be enlarged; space must be made for a new 150-room hotel; the pretty hamlet of Haymarket (pop: 500) will be dwarfed by the historical city "imagineered" by Disney. Some residents are already lobbying against the plans.

On the other hand, this amusement park may be the single greatest history lesson ever attempted, and one which is profoundly needed in a country whose remarkable past is all but unknown to many of its inhabitants.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Catches cut to protect tuna stocks

London: Action to save the western Atlantic blue-fin tuna from extinction by reducing catches by half was agreed at a meeting in Spain yesterday (Nick Nuttall writes). The move, by 22 fishing nations at a meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (Iccat) in Madrid, comes after studies indicating that populations of the fish have fallen 90 per cent in 20 years.

The decision has delighted environmentalists who feared the cuts would be less severe. Michael Sutton, a vice-president of the World Wide Fund for Nature in Washington, said yesterday: "This is unprecedented progress for Iccat — you're talking about a commission that hasn't done anything for a decade."

The cut will lower the level of catches from 2,394 tonnes in 1993 to 1,200 tonnes in 1995. Japan agreed to accept the biggest cut by taking just 12.5 per cent of the 1995 harvest.

Storms threat to California

Los Angeles: Residents of southern California's fire-ravaged areas gathered sandbags to protect their property yesterday as more rain headed into the region a day after storms released damaging mudslides.

Thursday's storm was the first to hit the area since fires last week burnt more than 200,000 acres, including many homes. "Since the fires, I think people are planning ahead and expecting the worst," Mike Wolfe, a sheriff's deputy said. *(AP)*

Parrot may be called to testify

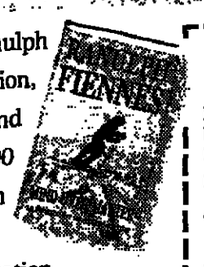
New York: Max may be the crucial witness in a murder case in Santa Rosa, California (Ben Macintyre writes).

But Max is a downy old bird, grey, taciturn and with a habit of repeating himself. Max, in short, is a parrot. In November 1991 he was found near the body of his owner, Jane Gill, 36, who had been smothered. Max took to shrieking "Richard, no, no, no!" and the defence hopes to show this proves the innocence of Gary Rasp, who is on trial for her murder.

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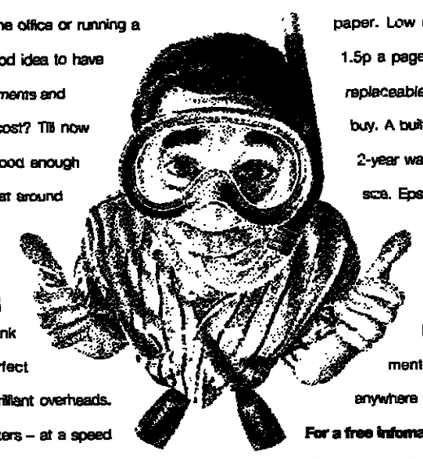
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In the pre-packaged world of rectangular milk, consumers are starting to yearn for good old bottles. There is even talk of cows

Alexander Chancellor in New York

In other parts of the world, people just do whatever it is they do and leave it at that. In the United States, however, every activity has to be portrayed for marketing purposes as a triumph of will and ingenuity. Thus, when I bought a bottle of milk the other day in the organic food market in Union Square, I found a message printed on the back of it. Under the heading "The Ronnybrook Story", it read as follows: "Fifty years ago Ronny's father started a farm and named it Ronnybrook after his first born son. Now Ronny and his younger brother Sid and their friend and partner Steve are bottling the milk from Ronny's award-winning herd of Holsteins and bringing it directly from the farm to your store."

Basically, what this tells us is that a family of dairy farmers in upstate New York is doing what such families do all over the world — namely, milk cows. But somehow this particular farm is made to sound an heroic enterprise, a fulfilment of the American dream; while the phrase "first born son" gives it an almost biblical aura. Nevertheless there is one respect in which Ronnybrook Farm is different from almost every other American farm, and this is that for the past two years, instead of sending its milk to the local cooperative for mixing with other milk and packaging in paper cartons, it has been putting it in glass bottles and trucking it direct to shops and markets in New York more than 100 miles to the south.

The quart bottle of milk I bought in Union Square cost me $3 — more than three times what I would have paid in a grocery store for the same amount of milk in a paper carton — though I was promised a refund of $1 if I brought back the empty bottle. As I was then 47 blocks away from my apartment, this was not a very sensible or convenient purchase, and it is most unlikely that I will ever make the return journey for the sake of a refund worth less than the subway fare.

Why did I buy this bottle, then? Apparently, there is a growing trend in America towards transparent packaging, because people like to see what it is they are getting. I was told this by Val James, the public affairs manager of the Paperboard Packing Council in Washington DC, whose job it is to oppose this trend by every legal



means. The council is currently sponsoring a TV advertising campaign in favour of milk in paper cartons. This features animated drawings of aggressive little light bulbs trying unsuccessfully to break their way into a sturdy milk carton: the message is that paperboard blocks out light and thus keeps vitamins in.

Ms James has statistics to support this claim: for example, if milk on a supermarket shelf is exposed to fluorescent light for 24 hours, it loses 31 per cent of its vitamin A. Light, she says, can also impart "off-flavours" to the milk and give it "a cabbagy-like taste". But can't paperboard impart its own nasty flavour? I asked. "Not that I'm aware of," she replied.

To find out what, if any, is the point of putting milk in bottles, I arranged to meet another person called James: one of the three partners in Ronnybrook Farm, Stephen James, who pays twice weekly visits to Union Square with a truckful of bottled milk. A handsome man in early middle age, casually but fashionably dressed, Mr James does not look as if he has ever milked a cow; indeed, he started out as an actor before marrying an Englishwoman who persuaded him to move to the Hudson Valley because it reminded her of the English countryside. He is still acting, however, and, after our meeting, he heads up town to audition for a Delta Airlines commercial.

For all that, he's an eloquent advocate of bottled milk. "Glass is the best container for milk outside of a cow," he says. "It doesn't impart any flavours to milk and it protects it against other flavours that might come, say, from other food in the refrigerator. It is also a better insulator than paperboard. It keeps milk colder longer." (Not so, according to Ms James, who has sent me research to show that milk stays colder longer in cartons.)

Whichever of these competing claims are true, demand for bottled milk is strong and growing, although the market is still small. One reason is a widespread yearning for ecological virtue, for reusing a bottle is seen as even more virtuous than recycling a carton. "People come a long way to bring their empty bottles back, and look extremely pleased with themselves when they do so," Mr James says.

An even more powerful influence, he suggests, is nostalgia. "Everyone in America above the age of 35 grew up with milk in glass bottles," he says. Some such sentiment certainly explains why an empty milk bottle still stands reproachfully on my kitchen sideboard, waiting to be returned.

Philip Bassett on the CBI's battle of words with the government

Coupons for a currency

When Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, rises to his feet in Harrogate on Monday at the annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry, he will be facing an audience who see him as both the arch-Euro-meddler in their affairs and the embodiment of their likely economic future.

British business's own view of Europe is ambivalent, but it is anxious about the government's attitude to the EC, as Howard Davies, the CBI's director-general, yesterday made plain. What is new is not the substance of what Mr Davies said, but the context — for he was speaking in the aftermath of a Tory party conference at which anti-Europeanism was forcibly expressed by the resurgeant right wing, and at a time when the Maastricht treaty has finally come into force.

What struck Tory Euro-sceptics most strongly yesterday, though, was Mr Davies's language. With his suggestion that a single currency in place in continental Europe would give the pound the value of "Ukrainian coupons", the CBI director-general sounded more like M Delors than M Delors himself.

As well as being incisive, a characteristically colourful and somewhat jocular, Mr Davies's remark highlights the contradiction at the heart of British industry's attitude to Europe. This arises from the awkward combination of long-term and short-term aims. In the main, British business is now unquestionably pro-Europe. Big business, as ever, knows where its bread is being buttered — and that is in Brussels. New government trade figures published yesterday tell the story: exports to EC countries formed 53 per cent of Britain's total export trade. So exports to the rest of the world now count for less than half of all the goods Britain ships beyond its shores.

That much is long-established. Even recession across Europe has failed to dent it. Take a Japanese-owned plant in Britain, such as Nissan in Tyne & Wear: it was set up in Britain, like many inward investments, in order to move most of its product across the Channel. Ian Gibson, its managing director, says the company has survived three years of recession in Britain, but has been hit much harder by recession on the continent — even though that has lasted only a year so far. Yesterday, Nissan offered favourable severance terms to its workers.

This European focus is now commonplace for many companies in Britain. Europe may be foreign to many British politicians, but British business doesn't see it that way. To protect both its markets and its interests, British business wants to see Europe prosper, both in terms of trade within the EC and as a single trading bloc against the other powerful world trading blocs of north America and the Pacific rim. Greater economic convergence in Europe is likely to increase this overall prosperity, and so British business supports it — and the means by which closer economic integration is achieved, including the exchange-rate mechanism and full economic and monetary union. Tory politicians nervous about the eclipse of the pound are worried about a single currency. Business just thinks it would make its trading operations easier, although it accepts that moves towards a single currency are not possible so soon after Britain's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism.

The second reason why British business likes the EC is that it makes it a player in Europe. As a key element in the European employers' organisation Unice, the CBI plays a sigificant part in the structure of European affairs. That said, the CBI and Unice, like the British government, are distinctly uncomfortable with many of the social and employment edicts flowing from Brussels under M Delors's aegis. Yet unlike the British government, which at Maastricht opted-out of the social protocol, British business is still helping to shape the law. Indeed, the EC legislation on European works councils which the British government effectively thwarted is now to be put into place by the Europe-wide union and employers' bodies of which the CBI is a part.

In trying to protect its own interests, British industry is understandably torn over Europe. It wants the business that Europe offers, but is nervous about what have proved to be the short-term economic consequences, such as the huge amounts spent trying to support the pound. That is what lay behind Howard Davies's remarks on the impact on business of Conservative division over Europe. That is the burden of the CBI's own briefing paper on Europe to its Harrogate conference. That is what surveys of CBI members concerning Europe are expected to show when they are published tomorrow.

But given that the divisions in the Conservative party over Europe have been patched over rather than closed, this new focus on industry's fears about being out of the European mainstream will do nothing but increase the pressure on John Major. Yesterday, the prime minister and other senior Tories went out of their way to calm such fears.

British business may feel ambivalent towards Europe, but it is not wholly split over it. If Jacques Delors's appearance at the CBI in Harrogate rubs more salt in the Tory party's bloody European wounds, that says more about the continued potency of the EC as an issue in the Conservative party than it does about the views of British business leaders.

Where cash is the main crop

Paying farmers to husband the land is better than subsidising unwanted crops



Mr Walston now gets public money for every acre, rather than through fixed pricing of produce; but what service does he provide?

Simon Jenkins

This month, I and my fellow taxpayers are sending Oliver Walston a cheque for £125,000. Let us take a deep breath and ask why. Mr Walston has a 2,000-acre farm in East Anglia and a family to support. The cash is legitimate, and he says he would appreciate it by Christmas. I previously supported the Walston cause by means of rigged food prices and intervention payments. That is changing. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has decided to pay the money each year directly to farmers. Hence the gigantic cheque.

Mr Walston is an honest man and this largesse worries him. He used to sleep soundly in his bed at night as the old "laundered" subsidies rolled in. He dreamt he was storing strategic food mountains to save Britain from the U-boat menace. He was supplying food to the Third World. He was a lucky beneficiary of featherbedding which past governments had been too timid to curb. This sudden cheque touches a nerve. It is too crude. It makes him feel like a dole recipient, a state dependent, almost a welfare scrounger. What will people think?

Last July Mr Walston took his concern to the readers of *Farmers Weekly*. Until now, he wrote, "No nosy member of the public could possibly tell how much money I received from the taxpayer, and even I had only the haziest of ideas." Today the receipts column of his accounts has an enticing entry marked "Her Majesty's Government". Any arable farmer choosing to register under the new — Orwellian — Integrated Administration and Control System can receive money based simply on how many acres he has planted, or in lunatic cases *not* planted. He can sell anything he grows in the free market. Such earnings are not deductible — as they might be from most state benefits. There is no means test here. Provided a satellite photograph shows a farmer is working (or not working) registered land, he gets the money. It is a sophisticated version of what Americans call workfare.

Well now, asked Mr Walston, what on earth should he tell the taxpayer on the Clapham omnibus that he is getting in return? The question burst blood vessels in farmsteads up and down the land. The letters page of *Farmers Weekly* dripped vitriol on Mr Walston's head. For a farmer, of all people, to imply that the payment was a welfare handout rather than an inadequate reward for hard work was surely a sign of dementia.

Nor was that all. Mr Walston went on to answer the Clapham question. Farmers should, he said, "give to the public one of the things that makes farming so splendid. We should give them — as a right and not a privilege — total access to the countryside. Every single member of the public should have the right to walk anywhere on any farm." The only condition should be good behaviour. Mr Walston recklessly added that any farmer who resisted the idea was "neanderthal".

Britain's fields, lanes and hedgerows duly erupted in a Jurassic Park of neanderthalia. Correspondents wrote that Mr Walston had clearly never met a real live British taxpayer, a moronic vandal who tramples crops, stamps on seedlings, savages pheasants and terrifies the family Alsatian — indeed is good for nothing but an occasional hundred grand. A farmer demanded to know what tablets Mr Walston was taking. A security consultant looked forward to the "resultant increase in criminal activity". Chester Master of Herefordshire said he would rather have the public on his land than Mr Walston, whose safety he appeared unable to guarantee.

Mr Walston has to be right. This is a moment of truth for agricultural subsidy. Many farmers resisted direct Exchequer payments precisely because they feared the Clapham omnibus question. The joy of the common agricultural policy was that it camouflaged subsidy. I remember Arthur Scargill cursing a Treasury that refused to subsidise miners to produce "uneconomic" coal while, up the road from the colliery, it subsidised uneconomic grain. "If they care so much about preserving the farming way of life," he cried with some force, "what about the mining way of life?"

This year, more than £3 billion is being spent subsidising farms. This is more than is spent on Britain's entire employment and training programme. If such money is to be given to one small group of businessmen, they must surely offer in return more than generalities about food security and the vagaries of past farm policy. One day the Conservatives may stop being scared of them, and Labour may cease to be so subsidy-friendly.

I believe that defending farm subsidies is easier than farmers think. But the case must lie away from food production. It must lie in country conservation and in seeking, as Mr Walston says, a direct relationship with the public. A Gallup poll earlier this year put the countryside second only to freedom of speech as a signal aspect of "the British quality of life", rating higher than even home-ownership or the National Health Service. Here is a real political lever, if only farmers can pull it. The way not to pull it is to treat the public as a bunch of incipient hooligans fit only to be dunned for cash.

If taxpayers are to give an annual grant to a farm to uphold a traditional way of life or preferred landscape, then these benefits must be made accessible. Owners of historic houses who receive grants to help preserve their homes must let the public see around them, perhaps at a price. This is not licensed trespass. Subsidies are not compulsory, not even those under the Integrated Administration and Control System. Farmers already receive grants under management agreements to conserve wildlife and protect landscape. Where public money is paid, consideration is due.

Good estates already offer a "right to roam", as do the Forestry Commission and the National Trust on its parkland. In this week's *Country Life*, the Duke of Buccleuch, who maintains open access on his vast estates, calls for a partnership to open woodland to the public and compensate owners for any resulting cost. In Scandinavia, roaming is a legal right. In Norway, access to all land is by statute "a common good that is free to all"; in return, the law is stern on visitors: no motorised traffic, no damage, no nuisance, no pollution. Scandinavia's farmers accept the right to roam as a reason for state subsidy. British trespass laws, by contrast, are a mess.

Cathedrals ask payment for entry, as does the National Trust at its more prominent beauty spots. Country conservation has been cross-subsidised from agriculture through high food prices. That is ending. Conservation must be subsidised directly. But that implies access and enjoyment. Farms must become service industries and produce pleasure. In which case, £3 billion should buy a quantity of restored hedges, maintained woods, cleared streams and unsprayed wildflowers.

Cheap food has revolutionised the British landscape. After the revolution comes the Great Terror. A leaderless army of unplanned golf courses, caravan parks, chalet villages, hypermarkets and sprawling infill is descending on the countryside and suburbansing it. County planners are impotent, demoralised by fear of abolition. The environment department is apathetic. Nobody has a policy. Farmers should be a bulwark against this Terror, mobilising the public in support. But they will need more wits about them than are yet in evidence.

One world is enough

THE Bush House telegraph at the headquarters of the BBC's World Service has been glowing as journalists learn of the corporation's plans to reform the network's English-language service.

A "review team" has informed senior journalists at the home of the World Service, that the BBC is considering "regionalising" its English broadcasts. This would mean unprecedented changes to the English radio service, which is currently transmitted simultaneously throughout the world, to take account of regional listening patterns.

The review team envisages catering for seven different regions of the world. "Obviously, a great deal of news and current affairs will continue to go out live all over the world," says Michael Harrison, who is heading the project. "But it makes sense to reschedule some of the programming to take account of different listening habits around the world."

Yet senior journalists say the idea erodes the integrity of the World Service, which has been transmitting its 24-hour English programmes globally since it started in 1932. "We already have a first-class product in the World Service," says one. "When the Rushdie affair broke, the Arabic broadcasting services thought it would offend their listeners so they refused to carry it. Competition might force a regionalised World Service to do the same." Harrison denies this: "It's a study to see how we can take full advantage of a competitive market, but we will not impair the service's integrity."

Tenor each way

NAILS were bitten to the quick yesterday at the English National Opera, where *Figaro's Wedding* was performed last night. Panic set in when the lead tenor, Peter Sidhom, and his cover, Paul Napier-Burrows, were both struck down with flu. A desperate search was mounted, with frantic phone calls to Milan, where Anthony Michaels-Moore, who sang the role in English three years ago, was rehearsing *La Vestale* at La Scala.

La Scala released Michaels-Moore for 24 hours. He flew to London yesterday and was met at Heathrow with the libretto. By early afternoon he was at the London Coliseum. Before the performance, a harassed ENO spokesman admitted the situation was far from ideal. "He will have to rely mainly on his memory. We don't usually have a prompter, but we might have to for this. It's a big part."



DIARY

Price drop

THE TORY old guard will be fighting for a very special drop of whisky later this month, when a bottle of a House of Commons blend signed by Baroness Thatcher and Lord Parkinson is auctioned at Christie's in Glasgow.

The bottle of 12-year-old James Buchanan whisky — said to be one of the former prime minister's preferred tipples — is expected to fetch up to £600. That's nothing, sniffs one of Parkinson's aides: "A bottle signed by Margaret was auctioned at a Conservative Ball a few years ago and it raised thousands. This sounds like a bargain."

● *Paddy Ashdown last year ordered that all literature from his Tower Hamlets councillors should be vetted by the party high command before publication in case of racist overtones. So how did a leaflet featuring a computer-generated image of a black man in an aggressive pose slip through the net? Party loyalists blame the fax machine by which the leaflet was sent to headquarters. The transmission was so bad that it was virtually impossible to distinguish shapes, let alone colour.*

House and home

A NEW national poster campaign by the housing charity Shelter suggesting that the homeless might be housed in the House of Commons has understandably caused disquiet in Westminster. "This House could shelter all Britain's homeless people," it says beneath a picture of Parliament.

"Another example of sledgehammer diplomacy by Shelter," storms an indignant Charles Hendry MP, the Tory chairman of the Commons all-party group on homelessness. A misunderstanding, replies Shelter's director, Sheila McKechnie. "We don't have plans to put camp-beds in the prime minister's suite."





Catty Kitty strikes again

Prince Philip is not the only one being eyed up for exposure by the notoriously uncomplimentary American biographer Kitty Kelly, who has jetted into London. Kelly (*left*), her friends say, has decided to investigate the entire royal family and its behaviour, in the wider context of the British class system. Pity any wayward aristocrats she might stumble upon; the Marquess of Blandford (*right*), for one, may come in for scrutiny.

"I'm finding out about your class system," she warns — and contrary to expectation, informants seem easy to come by. "Where people might not talk to an English writer about their friends, they are happy to talk to an American — it's at one remove," says a publishing source.

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MEDICAL MORALS

The wider lessons of the Laura Davies case

The death of Laura Davies, the five-year-old multiple transplant patient, has provoked strong criticism of the experimental treatment which she underwent in the last months of her life. Her final operation in Pittsburgh involved the transplant of six organs, a procedure requiring powerful anti-rejection drugs which ultimately destroyed her immune system. By this stage, it has been claimed, the interests of scientific research were being served rather than the interests of the patient.

Experimental medicine is by its nature an ethically contentious area of science. The Western philosophical tradition draws a distinction between ordinary and extraordinary means in the treatment of patients, obliging doctors always to apply the former but to judge when it is right to apply the latter. By any standards, the methods used to treat Laura were extraordinary. Her surgeon now stands accused of using them selfishly and using a child's life for scientific hubris.

According to the World Medical Association's 1975 declaration on the subject, the interests of the patient must always prevail over the interests of society. Yet in practice medical ethics are much hazier: patient welfare is not a moral absolute. The use of placebo treatment, for example, risks subordinating the interests of the individual to the long-term interests of medical knowledge. No experimental techniques would ever be perfected if the possible benefits to future patients did not play some part in doctors' judgment. Chemotherapy, diabetes treatment and kidney transplants were all hazardous in their early stages but have become safe because researchers and patients had the initial courage to test them.

Judging the wisdom of such decisions objectively is hard because experimental techniques are generally used when all else has failed. The patients to whom they are applied are likely to have been ill for longer and to have a smaller chance of recovery. New procedures should not necessarily be dismissed because of the failure of an individual to respond to them successfully. It is worth noting that of the 12 multi-organ patients treated by Laura's surgeon, eight are still alive. The charge that the Pittsburgh team acted recklessly should at least be considered in this context of comparative success.

This upsetting case underscores the increasingly complex question of moral responsibility in medicine. As both the frontiers of technology and the expectations of patients are extended, so the ethical burdens imposed upon doctors grow. More than ever, health care professionals are being expected to make decisions about medical priorities and the rationing of services. Doctors have long had to choose between the duty to minimise suffering and the duty to preserve life. But how to interpret the *Hippocratic responsibility primum non nocere* — first do no harm — becomes harder each time a medical journal goes to press.

The dilemma faced by Laura's doctor was far less exceptional than might be supposed. In such circumstances, it is honesty not infallibility that matters most. Doctors may err but they must be candid. Yesterday Laura's parents claimed that they had not been informed about the possible side-effects of the drugs administered after the operation. If that omission was deliberate — in all probability, it was a misunderstanding at a time of immense emotional stress — it was a serious error.

Equally significant was the courageous refusal of the parents to disown the medical procedure which ultimately failed their daughter. The decision to allow the treatment may have been wrong but deserves compassionate respect. The abstractions of text-book ethics are only a partial help in the judgments of a loving parent.

NAMING EUROPE

Who will call the Twelve a union?

On November 1 a new political creature was born in the heart of Europe — and no one yet knows what to call the mewling infant. Its Eurocrat godparents have christened it the European Union: but others think that name more appropriate for an insurance company, a continental motorway junction or an international gathering of Christian mothers. Most citizens of this mongrel entity, which has changed its name more often than a Russian city, are already thoroughly confused. Is this the same as the European Community, itself an endearing diminutive of the European Economic Community, which was the old Common Market we knew and loved?

No, say the Brussels bureaucrats, as they turn up the relevant verses of Maastricht writ. The EU is more than the EC. In fact, they add, careening into the chosen metaphor, it is several pillars more: the EU is the entire temple of European unity. The EC is one pillar. Common foreign and security policy is another. And intergovernmental co-operation is the third. So sometimes it is correct to describe the Twelve, when making pronouncements on foreign policy, as the European Union. When they are talking about trade negotiations, they are the Community. If it is a question of visas, terrorists of asylum, they are the Union again. And so on, according to the rubric under which the issue is discussed. It could not be clearer.

Human society has a long experience of this nominalist magic, the belief that by naming something one can bring it into being. Since Messrs Mitterrand, Delors and Kohl have set their hearts on a united Europe, why should not the nomenclature be once more father to the fact?

Some of the precedents are far from happy. When Egypt and Syria united their countries in 1958 and changed their name to the United Arab Republic, the marriage lasted a mere three years. The United Arab Emirates are a braver attempt, but the seven sheikhdoms are still too jealous of their independence for true marriage. The Union of South Africa spent many years trying to disunite its population. The Soviet Union has collapsed into chaos. The United States fought a civil war to remain United. And the United Kingdom finally, after many bloody centuries, reached a state of reasonably benign squabbling between its component parts.

The Twelve cannot even find refuge in a numerical appellation: by 1995 they will probably be the Sixteen, and then perhaps the Nineteen and the Twenty-One. By then, of course, they can simply call themselves "Europe", and hope that Albania will forgive the rest of the continent for the verbal exclusion. "The Community" has a cosy feel to it, but suggests a degree of amity that is absent from most debates.

Who will use the new name? Probably the Eurosceptics will be keenest to promote the new correctness, insisting on an immediate change in the passport inspection lines to "Citizens of the EU" thus causing the greatest confusion for everyone. The nominal to-ing and fro-ing will ensure that the whole thing remains a bureaucratic blur: the ideal outline, perhaps.

ART FOR WHOSE SAKE?

Museums need to resolve their identity crises

This week's Museums and Galleries Commission report presents a familiar picture of unhappy staff and shortages of money. In addition to this gloomy view, there is the growing prospect of national museums and galleries both beset by power struggles and rent by profound disagreement about the very point of their existence.

The Science Museum's plans to cut its number of curators has brought accusations from the staff and their union that this will damage scholarship and turn the museum into a theme park. Its director, Dr Neil Cossons, argues that switching funds from permanent staff salaries to modernisation of the exhibits is essential if the museum is to make current science and technology accessible to the public. This conflict — between the duty to attract and educate a general audience and the need to provide a base for academic research — has been at the heart of many such disputes.

At the National Portrait Gallery, a vitriolic debate has blown up over the appointment of a new director. A great deal of criticism has been aimed at the trustees' decision to appoint someone from outside the gallery's own ranks. NPG staff appear to have expected their present deputy director, Dr Malcolm Rogers, to be appointed virtually as a matter of automatic succession.

Both candidates — Dr Rogers and the outsider, Mr Charles Saumarez Smith, currently head of research at the Victoria and Albert Museum — had points in their favour. The trustees appear to have made their decision on the basis that Mr Saumarez Smith gave an excellent interview. For this, they have been depicted as perverse know-nothings in pursuit of self-importance.

Yet, in choosing the head of an institution which needs to fight for support and funding, the ability to present one's case impressively seems a sensible enough criterion on which to judge a candidate. In a climate in which competition for scarce resources is vital, the great strength of trustees is precisely that they come from outside the museum network and bring a wider experience of the world in which the gallery must survive. The NPG has just opened new galleries with the help of a public appeal: its future will depend increasingly on this kind of high-profile effort.

A fear of changing priorities may be a factor in the extraordinary bitterness which the appointment of Mr Saumarez Smith has met. The NPG staff may be anxious about the trend toward high-pressure promotion which museums like the Victoria and Albert have pioneered. Controversy over the V & A's shift in approach under its present director, Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, reached a high point when a number of curators left during the remodelling of the museum's research structure.

The dust has now settled on that ill-tempered dispute but the larger debate over the function and purpose of national museums goes on. There is clearly an urgent need for this philosophical conflict to be resolved — and for the dual role of modern museums to be amicably accepted — if flagship public institutions are not to continue damaging their own reputations with internal feuds.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New answers for Ireland's problem

From Mr Jeffrey Dudgeon

Sir, Simon Jenkins, in his article of October 27, "A bomb for all bigots", argues for limited devolution in Northern Ireland by the dismantling of the mammoth power and size of the Department of the Environment (Northern Ireland) and the host of associated health and education boards and quangos. I agree that devolving even this much power would indeed be beneficial — creating teenagers of political children.

However, the fact remains that if you live off a budget provided from the distant centre and are not allowed (or do not have) to choose what revenue to raise or what services to cut you continue to be part of the dependency culture.

Once it is recognised that there can be no internal settlement, there would be no need for talks or initiatives or any of the expensive political bureaux in the Northern Ireland Office that surround them. Without the need for adding to Northern Ireland's separate body of law, or for endlessly replicating miniature British bodies, or for wasting parliamentary time in debating and processing the same measures five years on, huge sums of money would be saved and our MPs would be drawn into the early, deciding stage of the democratic process.

Northern Ireland would irrevocably be removed from its official limbo — which is of course that antechamber to a united Ireland which provides the source of morale and spring of life for the IRA.

Equally the Labour party could end its prohibition on Northern Ireland people joining the party and forming constituency associations. Kevin McNamara could be relieved of his post of life Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (and Labour voters might detect the dangerous nonsense of the prospect of an Irish nationalist being put in charge of Britain's Irish policy).

Such a policy would infuriate Dublin and the SDLP but go a long way to ending the conflict. There are only two options — a united Ireland or a United Kingdom. Any interim or transitional status is a recipe for instability and struggle.

Yours sincerely,
JEFFREY DUDGEON,
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November 10.

From Mr Basil McIvor

Sir, In the context of the extremely volatile and complex situation here I found Matthew Parris's untypically "crude opinion" (his own phrase, November 8) disappointing, indeed devastating. To "publicly express" as the view of an alleged majority of opinion in England, Scotland and Wales that "the Irish should be left to shoot it out among themselves" is to ignore what would be the unforgiving consequences of the probable Bosnian dimensions of such a conflict in this part of the UK and European Community.

I do not believe that there is a majority in the UK of that view. For Matthew Parris to give it the "oxygen of publicity" is mischievous and irresponsible at a time when serious efforts are being made on all sides here to secure lasting peace.

Yours faithfully,
W. BASIL McIVOR
(Minister of Education, Northern Ireland, 1974),
Larkhill, Spa Road,
Ballynahinch, Co Down.
November 8.

From Mr David Hotham

Sir, The Unionists are a majority in Northern Ireland, but they are a small minority in the United Kingdom, the state to which, by their own wish, they constitutionally belong.

They insist that Northern Ireland should be part of the UK but do not accept the logical consequence of this fact, which is that they are only a minority in the country they have inflexibly decided to be part of.

This being so, is not the practical veto they have on the Irish policy of the British government entirely inappropriate?

And should not the ultimate solution to the Irish question, with which we have lived for nearly four centuries, be something which concerns the populations of the United Kingdom, and of course Ireland, as a whole?

Yours sincerely,
DAVID HOTHAM,
Milne Graden,
Coldstream, Borders.
November 11.

Parental duties

From Mrs Diana Galvin

Sir, Mr D. M. Williams (letter, November 9) is right: parents should be a consistent example to their children "across the whole range of social behaviour". The starting point should surely be the encouragement of consideration and respect for others. It is the lack of these that leads to a whole gamut of anti-social behaviour, from un-neighbourliness and discourtesy to rape and other violence (and, of course, including the car theft and vandalism cited by Mr Williams).

Yours faithfully,
DIANA GALVIN,
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The sufferings of single mothers

From Professor Michael Hill and Mrs Janet Walker

Sir, It is simply not true, as claimed in your leading article of November 10, "Facts and fatherhood", that "the social welfare structure" rewards single parents preferentially over married couples. The benefits available to single parents are meagre and the provisions to deal with homelessness protect all parents, with single parents generally getting the worst forms of accommodation.

Secondly, it would be wrong to suggest that legislative change coincided with change in social values. The decline of marriage as a lifelong institution has occurred across the Western world. Most single parenthood arises as a result of the breakdown of relationships common in all ranks of society.

Similarly, the upward trend in reported crime is a universal phenomenon, and a complex one. In the search for explanation, evidence on rising deprivation is of more compelling importance than single parenthood. In any case, it would seem to be peculiarly inappropriate to punish single females for a largely male phenomenon.

In our view, and in the view of most members of this department, the development of policies to penalise female single parents, who are amongst the poorest people in our society, in order to try to halt a value change involves blaming the victims of that change. It involves a preoccupation with the private morality of some of our most vulnerable citizens at a time when there are many issues of public morality deserving much closer attention.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HILL,
JANET WALKER,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Social Policy,
Claremont Bridge Building,
The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU.
November 10.

From Mr I. A. Shapiro

Sir, Presenting the claim of single mothers for housing and other aid, Radio 4's *PM* programme today interviewed a young mother who has had to live with her parents. Their tranquillity and sleep are disturbed by her baby's crying. She mentioned this and other inconveniences to her relatives as evidence of her urgent need for other accommodation.

Her pregnancy, it transpired, was "an accident". Evidently this "accident" did not involve someone who could be expected to support the child of his and the woman's irresponsibility. Is there any reason why the state or society should be obliged to succour such irresponsibles?

Should state aid in future be limited to single mothers whose children's fathers are identifiable in marriage or birth registration records?

Yours truly,
I. A. SHAPIRO,
93 Oakfield Road,
Selly Park, Birmingham 29.
November 9.

Getting adoption services right

From Mr Chris Barton

Sir, The government's white paper, *Adoption — The Future* (report, November 4), is largely a non-event: in so far as demand continues to outstrip supply it is inevitable that hard judgments will have to be made about the would-be parents.

Could it be that Mrs Bottomley's announcement was so timed as to distract attention from the uncomfortable time which her fellow minister, Mr Burt, was having at the Commons Social Security Committee's enquiry into the working of the Child Support Act?

Perhaps the government's interest in family law matters should be limited to what it is getting wrong, leaving others to carry on with what they are doing right.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS BARTON,
Staffordshire University,
Law School,
College Road, Stoke-on-Trent.
November 6.

From Mr Roger Singleton and Ms Mary James

Sir, We were concerned that although the adoption white paper mentions the need for post-adoption services, details of how these are to be provided, what these include and how these are to be financed were left unclear.

We believe that it is important for adoption services to be available all the way through and after the adoption order. These should include practical and financial support to adoptive families and children, support and mediation for contact arrangements, help with explaining adoption to the growing child, counselling for all parties, including birth parents and relatives, and counselling to prepare people for receiving their birth records or before participating in reunions.

Hard-pressed local authorities are currently struggling to provide a bare minimum of service and the voluntary adoption agencies are trying to plug the gap. Recently, we estimated that the Post Adoption Campaign Group of agencies, comprising 19 organisations, every year sees more than 10,000 people who have been affected by adoption. However, there are some five million people in this country whose lives have been touched by adoption, many of whom will not find a service available when it's needed.

We hope that the government will ensure that the new regulations and guidance make clear what services should be provided and will make proper funding available.

Yours etc,
ROGER SINGLETON
(Senior Director, Barnardo's),
MARY JAMES
(Director,
Independent Adoption Service),
c/o Barnardo's,
Tanners Lane,
Barkingside, Ilford, Essex.
November 7.

From Mr Dugald M. MacInnes

Sir, Is there not an element of political correctness in reverse in the white paper's proposal to ban gay and lesbian couples from adopting children?

Yours faithfully,
DUGALD M. MacINNES,
231 Stephendale Road, SW6.
November 5.

Role of the National

From Mrs Polly Armfield

Sir, The National Theatre (Mr A. M. Davies's letter, November 8) is possibly the only place where our contemporary playwrights can ever hope to have their larger works staged. Surely the resources and scale of the NT's production facilities are the reason for Messrs Bennett, Hare and Stoppard being produced there.

The NT cannot be accused of a 20th-century bias when so much of its recent repertoire has been made up of classic drama. But the NT is also important as a platform where current issues can be examined by living playwrights, a platform so often denied to them and us as a result of economic constraints in the commercial sector.

Yours faithfully,
POLLY ARMFIELD,
19 Amity Grove, SW20.

Spanning the centuries

From the Reverend W. N. C. Girard

Sir, Today at Balsham I buried William Jolly, aged 107, born 1886, in which year at Balsham was buried Mary Brown, aged 93, born 1793 — two lives' spans that take us back into the 18th century.

Yours faithfully,
W. GIRARD,
The Rectory,
Balsham, Cambridgeshire.
November 10.

To be sniffed at

From Mrs William Dorrell

Sir, With perfume in the air, so to speak (report, November 12), might I suggest that the elegant packages, whose expensive contents deteriorate all too soon, be stamped with a "smell-by" date.

Yours etc,
JANE DORRELL,
127 Dovehouse Street, Chelsea, SW3.

Farming grumble

From Dr J. B. O'Mahoney

Sir, I write, an insomniac eavesdropper, in defence of Radio 4's early morning farming programmes (Ms Belinda Price's letter, November 8).

I find them informative, mannerly, uncondescending and well produced, a breath of country air with a reasoned insight into the life and problems of the farmer and into the esoteric world of subsidies and set-aside.

Above all, if farmers think it worthwhile to get up and listen in at these ungodly hours (while the rest of us are still abed), they cannot possibly be the grasping, uncaring semi-literate despoilers of the countryside that many of us, unfairly, consider them to be.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. O'MAHONEY,
3 Manor Court,
Bramcote, Nottinghamshire.
November 8.

From Mr A. J. Haslam

Sir, The British farming industry is the most efficient in the world: the productivity of the British farmer is second to none and thanks to our farmers we eat as well as any other nation on earth.

There is a tremendous interest in matters agricultural and a recent survey showed that, given the chance, the majority of us would prefer to live in the country. Early morning news of one of our most successful industries is a good way to start the day.

Yours truly,
A. J. HASLAM,
The Granary, Green Farm,
Wark-on-Tyne,
Hexham, Northumberland.
November 9.

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Moral choices and medical advances

From Mr Olov Ternstrom

Sir, Laura Davies is dead and her American surgeon has said that the second operation was a mistake (reports, November 12). Was perhaps the constant media monitoring of her and her parents' suffering another mistake?

We are living in a world where 40,000 children die every day, 25,000 of them from preventable causes, 8,000 of these from not having been vaccinated (source: Unicef). Against that background, is it reasonable to devote so much press space and prime radio and TV news time to the death of one of them, however important a medical phenomenon the transplantation failure may have been?

Yours faithfully,
OLOV TERNSTROM,
Whistling Down, Sandy Lane Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
November 12.

From Dr T. L. Chambers

Sir, Contrary to the statement which you report today by the editor of the *Bulletin on Medical Ethics*, paediatric nephrologists have devoted quite as much time and resource to research into the prevention of childhood kidney disease as to its treatment.

Sadly, however, the prospects for preventing end-stage renal failure are not substantially better now than 20 years ago.

I join Sir Roy Calne in supporting the endeavours of children, parents and their doctors in efforts to provide better care for patients with serious conditions, such as Laura Davies, and can only salute the courage and boldness of those concerned with her care.

The outlook for children with organ failure has been miraculously improved over the last 20 years. Those of us in paediatric practice recognise that much of this is due to the sacrifice of patients and families such as Laura's.

Yours faithfully,
T. L. CHAMBERS,
2 Clifton Park, Bristol, Avon.
November 12.

Air safety

From Mr James T. Ward

Sir, In Travel News (November 4) you report a new, safer air emergency position for passengers which would offer more chance of survival.

The report then states that the new position is to be introduced from April 1. If a new procedure offers greater safety it should be introduced immediately.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES T. WARD,
30 Bennett Park,
Blackheath, SE3.
November 5.

From Mr R. W. Hodkinson

Sir, On most aircraft seats it is impossible to use the old emergency position due to lack of space. Soon seats will have to be reversed with passengers remaining in the same cramped but safe seated position.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. HODKINSON,
58 Gayton Road,
Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
November 5.

Festive all year

From Mr Jonathan Henty

Sir, I was somewhat saddened by your report, "Dutch ban early Christmas humbug" (November 10). Not so in the United States, where they have shops selling Christmas decorations throughout the year. And jolly good too! This enabled my wife in September in New York to buy an altogether admirable ball to be hung on our Christmas tree showing Father Christmas (sorry, Santa) swigging Coca-Cola.

I remain, Sir, your humble and observant servant,
JONATHAN HENTY,
24 Old Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

Plant import control

From Mr G. A. Ross

Sir, In her "Travels with the *Times* Cook" article in your Magazine of October 16, Frances Bissell listed foods, including potatoes, that she would ask a returning visitor from Colombia to bring back into the UK. Tasty as they might sound, your readers should be aware that it is illegal for any potatoes to be imported into any parts of the European Community from Central or South America because of the very serious plant health risk posed by such potatoes.

Potatoes from countries which are allowed to export to the UK and the rest of the EC must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with import licence. Copies of a free leaflet explaining how plants may or may not be brought into the UK are available from MAFF Publications, London SE99 7TP.

Yours faithfully,
GAVIN ROSS,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food,
Plant Health Division,
Whitehall Place, SW1.
November 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia and The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia, with the Malaysian Suite in attendance, left Buckingham Palace this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

His Excellency Senhor Antonio DaCosta Fernandes was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Angola to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Rui Mangueira (First Secretary), Mr Francisco Assis (Third Secretary), General Simão Augusto (Military Attaché), Mr Nascimento Gaspar (Attaché), Mr Dembo do Amaral e Silva (Press Attaché), Mr Gil Cardoso (Financial Attaché), Mr Manuel Santos Lucéu (Head of Protocol) and Mr João Pacavira (Attaché).

Senhora Fernandes was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Sir Kieran Prendergast (British High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya) and Lady Prendergast were received by The Queen.

Mr Graham Hart (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health) was received by Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Member, Driving Awards Committee, Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, this morning held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by the Executive Committee of the Army Board at the Officers' Mess, The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, St John's Wood Barracks, London NW8. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Lord Mottistone (Governor and Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Isle of Wight) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Captain Sir John Nicholson, Bt (formerly Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Isle of Wight) which was held in St Thomas's Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, this afternoon.

November 12: The Princess Royal this morning opened the newly refurbished Maternity Wards and Outpatient Department, St Michael's Hospital, Bristol, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the University of Bristol's new Preclinical Veterinary School, Southwell Street, Bristol.

The Princess Royal later visited the School of Veterinary Science and the Equine Sports Medicine Centre, Stock Lane Farm, Langford, Bristol.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the Light Dragoons, received Colonel Robert ffrench Blake (Colonel of the Regiment), Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Stewart upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer and Lieutenant Colonel Robert Webb-Bowen upon assuming the appointment.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 12: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, this morning visited the University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey.

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the North East Surrey College of Technology Sports Hall, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey and was met on arrival by Sir John Titman (Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey).

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall at 7.10. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, the Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra will also attend.

TOMORROW: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph at 11.00. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, the Princess Royal, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra will also attend.

Prince Edward, as president, will attend the National Youth Theatre fundraising ball at Grosvenor House at 7.30.

Emmanuel College, Cambridge

The Princess of Wales laid the Foundation Stone of the new building in the forecourt of the Master's Lodge, at Emmanuel College on Thursday. Escorted by the Master, Lord St John of Fawsley, the Princess later toured the College to inspect the progress on the various developments being carried out and met Fellows, graduates, undergraduates, guests and members of staff. Afterwards she attended a luncheon and later took tea with junior members at the Lodge. Heads of Houses, Members of the Diplomatic Corps and Members of both Houses of Parliament were amongst those present.

Memorial services

Commander Norman Scarlett-Streatfeild, RN

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Commander Norman Scarlett-Streatfeild, RN, was held yesterday at Brinkworth Parish Church, Chippenham. Canon Christopher Sutch and the Rev Derek Ormston officiated. Mr Daniel Awdry read the lesson and Commander G.R.M. Going, RN, read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Mr Bill Sale

A memorial service for Mr Bill Sale was held yesterday in Canterbury Cathedral. Canon John de Sausmarez officiated. Mr Robert Sale and Mr Tom Sale, brothers, read the lessons. Mr Jossy Sale, son, read *The Vital Question* by F.A.J. Godfrey and Mr Jeremy Cowdrey, representing the Old Boys and Girls of Wellesley House School, Broadstairs, read *The Lion and Albert* by Marriott Edgar. Mr John Hare, Headmaster of Haileybury Junior School, gave an address. The Dean of Canterbury pronounced the blessing. The Wellesley House School choir sang during the service.

Luncheons

East Africa Association

The High Commissioner for Kenya was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the East Africa Association held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club. Mr P.L. Brazier, chairman, was host.

ABC Club

Mr Neville Burston presided at a luncheon of the ABC Club held yesterday at Glaziers' Hall.

Dinners

Lord Carnock

Lord Carnock, President of the London branch of the Oxford Society, entertained members of the society at dinner last night at the House of Lords. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Mr Peter Plowden-Wardlaw were the guest speakers.

Cordwainers' Company

Mr Tom Upfill-Brown, Master of the Cordwainers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at a livery dinner held last night at Law Society Hall. Sir Frank Sanderson, Master of the Curriers' Company, was the guest of honour.

The annual presentation of tankards was made by the Master to Major Alec Ferguson, Officer Commanding, C (City of London Fusiliers) Company, The London Regiment, for the best recruit and best trainee fusilier.

East Sussex Lieutenancy

Sir Lindsay Bryson, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, presided at a dinner held last night at Glyndebourne by permission of Sir George and Lady Christie.

Staffordshire Lieutenancy

Mr James Hawley, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Deputy Lieutenants of Staffordshire last night at the County Buildings, Stafford. The Vice Lord Lieutenant, Colonel F.W. James, presided.

English-Speaking Union

Mr Sheridan Morley was the guest of honour and speaker at a literary dinner given by the Liverpool and Merseyside branch of the English-Speaking Union last night at the Liverpool Moat House Hotel. Miss Hilary King, chairman of the branch, presided. Mr Denis Rattle, president of the branch, also spoke.

Rotary Club of London

Mr Ken Standish presided at a dinner of the Rotary Club of London held last night at the Royal Geographical Society in honour of Mr Neville Shulman, who also spoke.

Old Dunstonian Association

Mr Peter Munns, President of the Old Dunstonian Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at St Dunstan's College. Mr Peter Grender, Mr David Moore, headmaster, James Jordan, head of school, and Mr Bob Sheridan also spoke.

Weekend birthdays




Joan Lestor, MP, is 62 today; Peter Katin, concert pianist, is 63 tomorrow

King Husain of Jordan celebrates his birthday tomorrow.

The Prince of Wales celebrates his birthday tomorrow.

Today

Sir Ewart Bell, civil servant, 69; the Most Rev George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, 58; Sir John Coles, diplomat, 56; Sir Lincoln Hallinan, barrister and magistrate, 71; M Eugène Ionesco, author, 81; Sir Anthony Jacobs, former chairman, BSM, 62; the Rev Patricia Johns, headmistress, St Mary's School, Wantage, 60; Mr Kenneth Kemp, former chairman, Smith and Nephew, 72; Sir Arnold Lindley, former chairman, GEC, 91; Major-General J.D. Lunt, 76; Mr John B. McGuckian, chairman, Ulster Television, 54; Dr Basil Morson, clinical pathologist, 72; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 77; Sir Donald Thompson, MP, 62.

Tomorrow

Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman, Barratt Developments, 66; Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, secretary-general, United Nations, 71; Mr Quentin Crewe, writer, 67; Mr J.G.P. Crowden, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, 66; Mr Eric Crozier, writer and theatrical producer, 79; Mr Paul Dacre, editor, *Daily Mail*, 45; Mr Michael Dobbs, novelist, 45; Mr David Elstein, former director of programmes, Thames Television, 49; Mr Harold Larwood, cricketer, 89; the Earl of Liverpool, 49; Dr Ronald Murray, radiologist, 81; Air Marshal Sir Richard Nelson, 86; Miss Diana Skilbeck, headmistress, The Queen's School, Chester, 51; Sir Dudley Smith, MP, 67; Sir Joseph Smith, former director, Public Health Laboratory Service, 63; Sir Arthur Watts, QC, 62; Mr Paul Williams, former MP, 71.

Service luncheon

The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment

Major-General B.H. Dutton presided at the annual luncheon of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment Officers' Association held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Lord Mayor

Alderman Paul Newall was admitted yesterday as the 666th Lord Mayor of London.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.R. Knowles and Miss J.T. Phillips

The engagement is announced between Derek, son of Dr and Mrs J.D. Knowles, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Phillips, both of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.E. Mackworth-Praed and Miss J.M.E. Flint

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs (Ben) Mackworth-Praed, of London, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Flint, of Bisley, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.J. Skelton and Miss N.C. Hill

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.K. Skelton, of Leominster, Herefordshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.F. Hill, of Kingsland, Herefordshire.

Mr C.P. Smellie and Miss S.J. Shearman

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Smellie, of Orston, Nottinghamshire, and Sarah, daughter of the Rev David and Mrs Shearman, of Sherwood, Nottingham.

Mr N.M.B. Wood and Miss L.E. Hambly

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Nicholas Wood, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, elder son of Major and Mrs Peter Wood, of Gillingham, Dorset, and Lieutenant Lorna Hambly, AGC (ETS), daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hambly, of Stockton-on-Tees.

Mr J.J.T. Woodhouse and Miss R.A. Knudsen

The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Woodhouse, of Epsom, and Rachael, elder daughter of Mrs Sonia Gibson and stepdaughter of Mr Peter Gibson, of Mosman, Australia.

Nominations for high sheriff

The following have been nominated for high sheriff:

England (except Cornwall, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire):

Avon: Christopher Marsden-Smedley, Burrington, Bristol; James Napier Tidmarsh, Clifton, Bristol; George Robin Paget Ferguson, Clifton, Bristol.
Bedfordshire: Brian Edward Howard, Cople; Brian Guy Woodrow, Bedford; John James Maxwell Glasse, Milton Keynes.
Berkshire: Jeremy David Alfonso John Monson, Hare Hatch, Reading; William Richard Benyon, Theale, Reading; Christopher John Spence, Newbury.
Buckinghamshire: John Michael Wheeler, Great Missenden; Sir Henry Egerton Aubrey-Fletcher, Chilton, Aylesbury; Richard Egerton Morris-Adams, Brill, Aylesbury.
Cambridgeshire: Frederick James Grounds, March; Mrs Margaret Elspeth Thomas, Huntingdon; Nigel Hugh Mosman Chancellor, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
Cheshire: Robert James McAlpine, Tarporley; John Michael Pickering, Marston-cum-Lache, Chester; Sir Antony Richard Pilkington, Kingsley.
Cleveland: George Derek Saul, Yarm; David John Dugdale, Yarm; Richard Augustine Morrissey, Yarm.
Cumbria: Frederick John Richard Boddy, Burton, via Carnforth, Lancashire; Hugh William Lawson, Carlisle; Henry Charles Fraser Bowring, Barbon.
Derbyshire: Mrs Gillian Mary Hutchinson, Somersal Herbert; John Maddox Morgan-Owen, Melbourne; Charles Edward Wilkinson, Bakewell.
Devon: The Countess of Arran, Barnstaple; James Humphrey George Woollcombe, Plympton; Mrs Julia Mary Victoria Tremlett, Kenn near Exeter.
Dorset: Michael Fulford-Dobson, Dorchester; John Derek Wrighton, Preston, Weymouth; Wilfred Joseph Weld, Wareham.
Durham: Nicholas David Barclay Straker, Darlington; Robert Sale, Darlington; James Allan Marr, Brancepeth.
East Sussex: Lady Lloyd, Polegate; Alan Alfred Michael Mays-Smith, Heathfield; John Fooks, Beckley.
Essex: Mrs Evelyn Bridget Patricia Ward-Thomas, Thaxted; Christopher Ferens Pertwee, Colchester; Peter Thomas Thistlethwayte, Colchester.
Gloucestershire: Richard Annesley Coxwell-Rogers, Rossley Manor, near Cheltenham; Frederick Hugh Philip Hamilton Wills, Rendcomb, Cirencester; John Gretton Peel, Fairford.
Greater London: Antony James Butterwick, London SW5; Graham James Hearne, London SW3; Sir Cyril Julian Hebden Taylor, London W8.
Hampshire: Charles Anthony Palmer-Tomkinson, Dummer near Basingstoke; Miles James Rivett-Carnac, Winchester; Mark Hugh Joseph Radcliffe, Upton, Andover.
Hereford and Worcester: George Meysey Clive, Hereford; Robin Symonds, Hentland near Ross-on-Wye; Hugh Bernard Derbyshire, Upton-upon-Severn.
Hertfordshire: Joanna Susan Elizabeth Lady Stanghton, Sarratt; Nicholas Guy Hasley, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead; Robert Dimsdale, Royston.
Humberside: Thomas Wilson Boyd, Beverley, East Yorkshire; John William Rowles, Barrow-on-Humber; Tom Martin, Beverley, North Humberside.
Isle of Wight: Michael George Ball, Calbourne; John James Woodward Attrill, Whitwell; Mrs Judith Ann Griffin, Wootton.
Kent: Mrs Rosemary Chloe Teacher, Tonbridge; Robin John Baker White, Canterbury; Paul James Cranston Smallwood, Ashford.
Leicestershire: John Michael Stannage Whitehead, Houghton-on-the-Hill; Joseph Cowen, Lutterworth; George Nicholas Corah, Oakham, Rutland.
Lincolnshire: Simon John Edward Turner, Sleaford; David Kenneth Baker, Spalding; James Charles Stewart Reynolds Milligan-Manby, Grimsby, South Humberside.
Norfolk: Francis Cator, Ranworth, Norwich; John Oliver Charles Birkbeck, Litcham; Ian Duncan Robertson MacNicol, Melton Constable.
Northamptonshire: Mrs Lavinia Anne Perry, Banbury; James Mackaness, Church Brampton; Michael Francis Collcutt, Wellingborough.
Northumberland: Mrs Michael Lyndon Skeggs, Cornhill-on-Tweed; Anthony Russell Wood, Riding Mill; John Francis Christian Festing, Hexham.
North Yorkshire: Richard Edward Howard-Vyse, Malton; Simon Bartholomew Geoffrey Howard, Castle Howard, York; John Leslie Charles Pratt, Lilling, York.
Nottinghamshire: Richard Bertram Godwin-Austin, Papplewick; George Edmund Peter Thornhill, Newark; Trevor Forsyth Parr, Widmerpool.
Oxfordshire: David Peter Mason, Eynsham Park, Witney; John Bridgeman, Banbury; Malcolm Ralph Cochrane, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Chipping Norton.
Shropshire: Jeremy Hugh Gifford Lywood, Ludlow; Nicholas Edward Egerton Stephens, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury; Timothy William Edward Corbett, Longnor.
Somerset: Elizabeth Perlam Acland-Hood, Lady Gass, Bridgwater; Roy Scrymgeour Graham Hewett, Mells, Frome; Christopher Philip Thomas-Everard, Dulverton.
South Yorkshire: Michael Gordon Samuel Frampton, Bakewell, Derbyshire; Peter Wilton Lee, Fulwood, Sheffield; William George Antony Warde-Norbury, Doncaster.
Staffordshire: Michael Philip Kenneth Beatty, Tixall, Stafford; Mrs Joanna Mary Monckton, Stafford; Sampson Eric Mitchell, Woore, near Crewe, Cheshire.
Suffolk: Adam Brampton Douglas Gurdon, Woodbridge; Sir Richard William Hyde Parker, Long Melford; John Kerr, Woodbridge.
Surrey: Timothy Francis Goad, Bletchingley; Rosemary Olve, Lady Hamilton, Dalzell, Bletchworth; Adrian Nicholas MacDonald Sanders, Buckland.
Tyne and Wear: Roger Charlton Spoor, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr Alan William Lillington, Sunderland; Dr Michael Lister Fisher, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Warwickshire: Henry David Warriner, Little Wolford, Shipston-on-Stour; Stephen Geoffrey Evans, Leamington Spa; John Waddington Oakes, Shipston-on-Stour.
West Midlands: Sir George Adrian Hayhurst Cadbury, Knowle, Solihull; Professor Sir Frederick William Crawford, Aston, Birmingham; Derek Good, Bradley Green, near Redditch, Worcestershire.
West Sussex: Peter Longley, Horsham; Hugh Rowland Wyatt, Findon; John Martyn Drysdale Knight, Arundel.
West Yorkshire: Charles Wilfred David Sutcliffe, Kettlesing, near Harrogate; Edward Neil Pullan, Bramhope, near Leeds; John Stephens Behrens, Ripon.
Wiltshire: Mrs Anna Ruth Grange, Malmesbury; David John Randolph, Grittleton, Chippenham; Andrew William Michael Christie-Miller, Alderbury, Salisbury.

Wales

Clwyd: Captain Nicholas Montgomery Archdale, Mold; William Field Glazebrook, Denbigh; Roger Henry William Graham-Palmer, Wrexham.
Dyfed: Dr John Geraint Jenkins, Llandysul; Ieuan Wyn Jones, Narberth; David Clive Jones-Davies, Carmarthen.
Gwent: Samuel Anthony John Pierre Bosanquet, Monmouth; Richard John Cleeve, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny; Ian Donald, Monmouth.
Gwynedd: Robert Hefin Davies, Blaenau Ffestiniog; William Wyn Roberts, Port Dinorwic; David Owen Carpenter, Anglesey.
Mid Glamorgan: Thomas Udy Buckthought, Caerphilly; Byron Frederick Butler, Aberkenfig; Raymond William Martin, Llangewydd near Bridgend.
Powys: Mrs Susan Angela Garnons Ballance, Abercamlais, Brecon; Peter English, Abermule, Montgomery; William Ashe Dymock Windham, Glasbury on Wye, Hereford.
South Glamorgan: Mrs Joanna Gethin Cory, Cowbridge; John Wynford Evans, St Fagans, Cardiff; Ralph Phillip Vinson Rees, Radyr, Cardiff.
West Glamorgan: Colin Reginald Rees, Swansea; John Duart Willard MacLean, Carmarthen, Dyfed; Robert Lewis, Ilston, Swansea.

Church services tomorrow

Sixth before Christmas

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 10.45 Remembrance Service, I will lift up mine eyes (Howells), We 13servwill remember them (Elgar), Rear Admiral D E Macey; 12 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Homo natus de muliere (Wilbye); 3.15 E, Agnus Dei (Britten), Canterbury Service (Hendrie); 6.30 Sermon and Compline, Rev Dr C A Lewis.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.15 Remembrance Service, So they gave their bodies to the Commonwealth (Aston), St Anne Fugue (Bach), Canon Rex Chapman; 3 E, Responses (Archer), Sumsion in G, The souls of the righteous (Nares), Introduction and Fugue in E flat (Nares); 6.30 Sung Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Give rest O Christ (Kiev melody). Prelude in E minor (J S Bach).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 C, Canon Barry Thompson; 10.55 M, Responses (Byrd), The souls of the righteous (Mutrill), Rev Jacqui Jones; 6 Choral E, Responses (Byrd), Justorum animae (Stanford), The Vice Provost.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC (Quire); 10 Remembrance Service, If we believe that Jesus died (Goss), Canon Colin Bennetts; 11.30 Choral Euch, Pie Jesu (Faure), In paradisum (Faure); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Plainsong), I heard a voice from heaven (Goss); 6.30 E, Canon Noel Rogers.
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP, 8 C; 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Missa Brevis (Britten), Deliver us (Batten), Wash me thoroughly (Wesley), Bishop of Dresden; 3 German Lutherans: Chapel of Unity; 5.30 EP; 7 Requiem (Faure).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 MP, 10.15 Remembrance Service, Greater Love (Ireland), Canon Copin; 11.30 HC, Jackson in G, Tantum ergo sacramentum (Severac), Canon Hodgson; 3.30 E, Stanford in A, Take him, earth, for cherishing and Psalm-prelude (Howells).
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Remembrance Service, Turn back O Lord (Holst); The Chancellor; 4 Choral E, Canticles (Stanford in G), Responses (Aylward), Greater love (Ireland).
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, contakion of the Departed (Kiev Melody); 10.50 Service of Remembrance, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Canon R Roger; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Brewer in D, Greater Love (Ireland), The Precentor.
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.55 Service of Remembrance, The Precentor; 3.30 E and Confirmation, Responses (Leighton), Kelly in C, How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms).
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M and Litany; 8 Euch, Ven R H Roberts; 9 Parish Euch, Diocesan Reader; 10.50 Remembrance Service, Give rest O Christ (Kiev Melody), Requiem, Sanctus and Agnus Dei (Faure), Remember for good, O Father (Jackson); 12.15 HC; 3.30 Choral E, Sarum Service (Howells), Greater love (Ireland); 6.60 E.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Greater Love (Ireland), Ave verum (Elgar), Canon David Atkinson; 3 E, Day in B flat, Agnus Dei (Britten), Canon Richard Buck.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Deacon; 10 Sung Euch, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Ubi Caritas (Durufle), Prelude and Fugue in D minor (Dupré); 3 Royal British Legion Remembrance Service, Rev Dr Brian Stevens; 6 E, Responses (Ebdon), Collegium Regale (Wood in F), Greater Love (Ireland), Nimrod (Elgar), The Treasurer.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Psalm 77 (Ireland in C), O Lord, give thy holy spirit (Tallis), Rev D C Goodman; 11.30 M, Short Service (Gibbons), Greater Love (Ireland); 3 E, Second Service (Leighton), Take him earth for cherishing (Howells), Rev C M Bonneywell.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 Remembrance Day Service, Jusorum animae (Byrd), The kontakion of the dead (Kiev melody), They shall not grow old (Guest, In paradium (Faure); 3 E, Stanford in C, Deep River (Tippett), The Rev Werner Kratscheil; 5.45 Organ Recital William Whitehead; 6.30 ES, The Canon Eric James.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 Solemn Requiem Mass, Messe de Requiem (Fauré), Solemn Prelude For the Fallen (Elgar); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ Recital, Simon Lawford; 3.30 Solemn V&B, Magnificate primi toni (Lassus), Fair is the heaven (Harris), Nimrod (Elgar).
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozart), Rev Canon Ralph Mayland; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 12.30 Remembrance Service; 4 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), For lo, I raise up (Stanford), Rev Canon Raymond Hockley.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 10.55 Remembrance Service, Praise to the Lord, Thine be the glory, O God our help in ages past, Greater Love (Ireland), RAF March (Walford Davies).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11 Remembrance Service, Canon James Pannett; 11.30 Solemn M, Requiem (Fauré), Ubi Caritas (Durufle), Monsignor Kieran Conry.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8, 10 HC, The Minister; 11.30 Remembrance Day Service, The Minister; 6 Lasswade Orchestral concert; 8 ES, Rev David MacLeod.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC, Responses (Rose); 10.30 M and commemoration of the Fallen, Te deum and Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), The Dean; 12 HC; 3.15 HC, Requiem Mass (Fauré), Psalm Prelude Set 2 no. 1 (Howells), The Precentor; 5 E.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC: 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, The Canterbury Mass (Piccolo), Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev Dr Luscombe; 6.30 Choral E, Kelly in C, Great is the Lord (Elgar), The Provost.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street: 11 Missa pro defunctis (Vittoria), I heard a voice (Tomkins), In pace in idipsum (Bouzignac).
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 10.45 Remembrance Day service; 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Requiem (Fauré), Fr Anthony Meredith.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal Service, Mr Jeremy Jennings; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Sandy Millar.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa pro defunctis (Anerio); 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 3.30 V&B, O bone Jesu (Dering)
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HV; 10.50 MS
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 10.45, Rev Dilwyn Banner; 6.30 Rev Dr John Tudor.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 10.55 M, Responses (Byrd), Short Service (Byrd), Remember not, Lord (Purcell), Rev Anthony Winter; 6.15 E; 7 Handel's Messiah (Priory Festival Choir with London Schubert Orchestra).
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 10.55 Choral M and Euch, Requiem (Fauré), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Sanders), Canticles (Wood in E flat No 2), Take him, earth, for cherishing (Howells), Greater love (Ireland), Canon John Oates.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa brevis in C (Mozart), My friend is mine (Bach), Rev Nick Heron.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 10.55 Sung Mass, Requiem (Fauré).
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, WC2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Russian Kontakion of the Departed, Rev Carsten Haeske; 6 Choral E, Purcell in G minor, Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei (Purcell), Rev Graham Buckle.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 The Eucharist, Rev David Beezle; 11.30 Visitors to the London Service, Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev John Pridmore.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8HC; 11 Choral Euch, Fauré Requiem, O Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), The Rector.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 10.55 Choral Requiem Euch, (Fauré).
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC, 11 Solemn Euch, Requiem (Durufle), Rev Christopher Courtauld.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC, 10.55 M, Responses (Aylward), Te Deum (Stanford in C), Greater Love (Ireland), Canon J G M W Murphy.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 10.55 M, Noble in B minor, Greater Love (Ireland); 3.30 E, Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams), My soul, there is a country (Parry).
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 10.55 Sung Euch, Requiem (Fauré).
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 10.50 M, Te deum (Stanford in B flat), Greater Love (Ireland), 12.30 HC Mr Michael Charlton.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11 MP, Requiem aeternam (Davies), Responses (Radcliffe), Te Deum and Jubilate Deo (Howells), Justorum animae (Standford), The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Justorum animae (Lassus), Pie Jesu (Requiem, Lloyd Webber), The Chaplain; 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 10.50 Remembrance Service, The souls of the righteous (Marchant), The Chaplain.

Service dinners

The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

The Danish Ambassador was the principal guest at a dinner given by The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment at Haberdashers' Hall last night to mark the first anniversary of the regiment. Major-General A.A. Denison-Smith, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Royal Military Police and Provost Officers

The annual reunion dinner of past and present Royal Military Police and other Provost Officers was held last night in Chichester. Major-General C.B.Q Wallace, Colonel Commandant, presided.

The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment

General Sir John Wilsey, Colonel of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, presided at the annual Officers' Association dinner held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Dr Alan Borg, Director General of the Imperial War Museum, was the principal guest.

77 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers)

A joint inaugural mess dinner was held last night at RAF Honington by Officers of 77 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) and the Regimental Dining Club, the Godfathers. Air Vice-Marshal J.F.G. Howe, Honorary Colonel, presided.

No 101 Squadron

Wing Commander R.I. Alexander was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at RAF Brize Norton to mark the 76th anniversary of the formation of No 101 Squadron, RAF. Squadron Leader C.P. Menage presided. Wing Commander P.D. Scoffham, Officer Commanding, No 101 Squadron, also spoke.

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BALCOMBE - On November 9th at The Wellington Hospital to Gillian (née Gould) and Ian, a son Jamie Lewis Robert

BALLANTINE - On Sunday October 17th, 1993 to Caroline (née Robinson) and Keith, a daughter, Polly.

BARBERIS - On November 8th at The Wellington Hospital to John and Janet, beautiful twins Elias and Annabelle

CATOR - On November 12th at 24 Grove Road, Hawthorn 3122, Melbourne, Australia. To Harry and Kathleen (née Mackay), a son, Frederick Francis.

DEWAR - On November 5th 1993, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née Jones) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Eleanor Rose.

GOULDER - On November 12th, to Marian (née Biddell) and Patrick, a daughter, Charlotte Jane, a sister for Kate and William. Gratia Dei.

HAWKINGS-BYASS - On November 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Clare (née Johnston) and Nicholas, a son, Charles, a brother for Alexander and Lydia.

LEISK - To Colin and Fiona (nee Peach) a beautiful boy John Anthony born 29th October. With thanks to the Portland Hospital and UCH Obstetric Unit.

MacEACHARN - On Thursday November 11th at St. George's Hospital to Katie (nee Ashton) and Miles, a beautiful daughter, Harriet Victoria Emma.

MASON - On November 9th at The Wellington Hospital to Alison (née Coombe) and Peter, a son Nicholas, a brother for Emma.

MUKHI - On November 7th in Oxford, to Minal and Deepak, a daughter, Tara (Hindustani, Star).

NORRIS - On 23rd October in Hong Kong to Nicholas and Julia, their first child a son, Jack Herbert William

NORTHCOTT - On November 10th to Kirsten and Richard, twins, Alexandra who died on the 11th and Natasha who died on the 12th

PAMPHILON - Jonathon Derwood On 4th November to Simon and Johanna at The Royal United Hospital.

BIRTHS

SANDLER - On November 11th at The Portland Hospital to Nina and Roy, a daughter, Joanna Madeleine, a sister for Lauren.

STEWART - Stella Isabella, a daughter to Lachlan and Anne (née Sandeman) and sister to Lachie and Archie. Born Monday 8th November 1993. Inverness.

STRAGE - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital to Laura (née Agostini) and David, a daughter, Michèle Fabiène, a sister for Sonya and Katya.

WELLS - On November 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Helen Langridge and Michael Wells, a beautiful son, Evan.

WOLSEY - On November 1st 1993 to Fiona (née Standland) and Mark, a daughter, Imogen Rose, a sister for Millie.

DEATHS

CORBETT - On 9th November 1993, Hugh Andrew, aged 35 at St Bartholomew's Hospital, ten days after a bicycle accident. Greatly loved husband of Jane and dear father of Charlie. The funeral will be held at 12 noon on Friday 19th November at Holy Trinity, Clapham Common, when all friends will be welcome. No flowers please, but donations if wished to the "Save Barts Campaign".

FITZGERALD - On November 9th, peacefully at home, Kevin aged 91, surrounded by his friends and daughter Prudence. Funeral at 11.30 am, Thursday 18th November in St Andrew's Church, Chinnor, followed by cremation. Any donation in his memory to The Iris Fund for Prevention of Blindness, c/o Surman & Horwood, Crowell, Chinnor, Oxon.

GILBERTSON - David Michael on November 11th. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Michaels and All Angels Church, Poulton, Glos., on Wednesday 17th November at 2.30 pm

DEATHS

JUDD - On 12th November 1993, peacefully at home, Rachel Mary (née Spurway) of Carse Mill, Abbotskerswell, Devon, loving wife of the late Peter (A.K.), dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service Abbotskerswell Parish Church at 3.15 pm Thursday 18th November followed by private cremation and subsequent interment of ashes. Family flowers only.

LONG - On November 11th at Scarborough Hospital, Margery Edith Barnby aged 83 years (late of Beverley). Dearly loved wife of the late John, loving mother of Michael (of Eastfield Vicarage Scarborough) and the late Nicholas. Funeral Service and interment of ashes at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Cherry Burton, near Beverley on Thursday November 18th at 10.30 am to which all friends will be most welcomed. No flowers please donations if desired to Cayton and Eastfield Churches, c/o Eastfield Vicarage, 91 Westway, Scarborough, YO11 3EE.

OZANNE - On November 5th 1993, peacefully, Jane Kathleen aged 92, widow of Hugh ffolliot ('Bobbie') Ozanne. A private funeral took place at Bramshaw.

ROWLATT - On 9th November peacefully at Hallowell House, Northwood (formerly of Hampstead,) Janet Peace aged 93 widow of Sir John Rowlatt, KCB, KCIE, QC, MC. Much loved Mother of Elisabeth, Joanna, Charles, Richard and Georgina, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium 2.30pm on Monday 22nd November. All enquiries to Leverton & Sons at 264 Finchley Road, London, NW11 7RR. Tel: 081 486 4992

RUFF - Marcel A: on 29th October 1993 aged 98 peacefully in Nice. Much loved and admired by his family, freinds and students around the world. Dearest Uncle of Genevieve Eckenstein.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CRITCHLEY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Reginald Critchley will be held at Albury Church at 2.30 pm on Saturday November 27th.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

JEMISON - Alan B.A (Hons) Durham, died 14th November 1991, remembered and missed every day. Ada.

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REDWOOD-DAVIES - Col. Tony 13th November 1992. Thanks to all who have made contact. Angie, James and Abbi.

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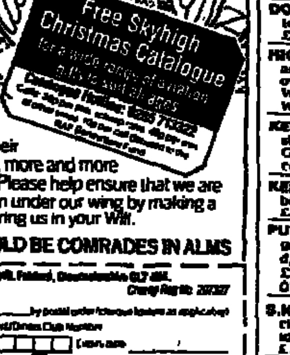
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COOR, CHARLES of 16 Mitre House, Western Road, Brighton, East Sussex died on 15th August 1993. Particulars to John Healy & Co Solicitors of 15 Palmeira Mansions, Church Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 1GF (Attention G. Obermann) before 14th January 1994.

KOLTZ, PINCUS (otherwise PINKUS) of 4 Lancaster Court, Hove Street, Hove East Sussex BN3 1GF died on 21st May 1993. Particulars to John Healy & Co (Attention G Obermann) Solicitors of 15 Palmeira Mansions, Church Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1GF before 14th January 1994.

MYERS, LOUIS MICHAEL late of 1,800 South Canal Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215, USA Investment Manager died 19th June 1991. Particulars to Crockers, 10 Gough Square, London, EC4A 3NJ before 15th January 1994

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OBITUARIES

JILL TWEEDIE

Jill Tweedie, columnist and author, died yesterday from motor neurone disease aged 59. She was born on May 22, 1934.



JILL TWEEDIE was a striking woman in the Pankhurst tradition: tall and handsome with a mass of tousled hair, a woman who spoke out for women, and inspired their love and admiration but who also liked men. They liked her, too, because she was witty and clever but also the well-mannered product of a Swiss finishing school, a background she never could eradicate, even as a left-wing rebel, from her grand home counties voice.

She epitomised *Guardian* Women, the pages she enlivened for more than 20 years, wearing heart on sleeve but with a rational mind very much at work. There she set out various female grievances about men — as bosses, drinkers, deserters of wives; and overturning accepted conventions, for instance: "Why trying to play happy families can never work."

She seized causes, supported dissidents, championed unheard voices, scrutinised politicians and always got to the heart of paradoxes. She wondered, for instance, why middle-class parents put their trust in schools where their sons were bullied and beaten, while state school parents would fight to the death for their children's right not to be slapped or to wear green fingernails. Her observation had an irony worthy of Jane Austen.

She wrote from no ivory tower. She and Alan Brien, the writer who was her third husband and best friend, had between them nine children from various marriages, so when she wrote about modern youth she knew the beast.

Yet inside their terraced house in urban Kentish Town, and later their mews house in more urban Holloway, there was a haven of books, music, wine and laughter. She also turned a Welsh cottage into a miniature Charleston with her paintings. With furnishing, food and clothes she cut a visually brilliant and artistic dash.

The first volume of her memoirs, *Eating Children*, came out this summer: a superbly written autobiography with an amazing story to tell. She was born in Egypt with a severe and scornful father from whom she was to spend her life rebelling (she was always "thumbing the nose at daddy," she said, until he died not long ago and she found herself "marooned in doubt" with nobody to kick against any more). She married at 18 a Hungarian count, Bela Cziraky, her demon lover, and had three children by him. The firstborn boy died at five months, a cot death. The other two were abducted by the count from London when Tweedie bolted with them. She never saw them again until they were adults; but when the count died recently he left Ms Tweedie a fine mansion on the Austrian border.

In recent years she left *The Guardian* and wrote two novels and an excellent volume on Love ("Sex is easy; it is love people ache for"). Later she had another column called "Fiftysomething," a further outlet for her aperçus on the way things are, now that she no longer gave her heart to causes but preferred to evaluate them with a beady, tweedie eye. But male newspaper hierarchies, she came to realise, were always after fresh young things who had just opened their eyes.

It was just after she published *Eating Children*, in May this year, that she learnt that she had motor neurone disease. She decided to go public about it, determined to enjoy whatever time she had left. The time was much shorter than anyone could have imagined. Alan Brien, whom she called the world's most contented man (happy anywhere, as long as he was near Jill), set about reorganising life around her. She was recently to be seen nostalgically setting off for a Neil Young concert at Finsbury Park for *The Oldie*: these days, she wrote, she would rather be trapped in a lift with Kenneth Baker than with Tim Leary.

She was working on volume two of her memoirs, *Frightening People*, of which one must hope there is at least a first draft. It would deal with life in the vanguard of the British feminist movement of the 1970s, and how she came to discover the perils of the sisterhood, misgivings she first voiced in her *Letters from a Faint-hearted Feminist* (1982). "Nobody has written about how terrifying feminism was," she said a few months ago. "We were hardened to the attitudes of men. But suddenly women, who had been your refuge, became your critics and began calling you treacherous."

In the great tradition of thinking women she soldiered on: sceptical of feminism, as of all "isms", because of what it had become, but speaking as ever with the voice of her time.

LARRY DREW

Larry Drew, actor, dancer and choreographer, died on November 9 at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, after a long illness aged 73. He was born on October 26, 1920.

LARRY DREW's handsome looks, rash charm and athletic grace as a dancer earned him a permanent niche in the history of the West End musical. He created the role of Bobby Van Husen, the rich American playboy, in Sandy Wilson's pastiche of the 1920s, *The Boy Friend*, in which he starred for five years and 2,084 performances at Wyndham's Theatre.

Born in Yorkshire, he joined Ivor Novello's touring company at the age of 19, making his first London appearance at the Adelphi Theatre on March 14, 1942, as the waiter and toy vendor in *The Dancing Years*. Novello took a personal interest in the young dancer, arranging elocution lessons to eradicate his slight Yorkshire accent, and encouraging him to study at the Central School of Speech and Drama. At the London Hippodrome in 1945, billed then as Laurence Drewe, he originated the role of Mr Welby in Novello's *Perchance to Dream*, in which, as principal dancer, he also appeared as Autumn in the ballet sequences.

In 1946, at the Ambassadors, he was seen with Hermione Gingold in *Sweetest and Lowest*, and at the St Martin's in 1948, he showed a striking flair for comedy, acting as "feed" to the comedienne, Ethel Revnell, in the review, *Sugar and Spice*. At His Majesty's in 1949 he joined Noele Gordon in Alan Jay Lerner's musical, *Brigadoon*. This was followed by film appearances with Burt Lancaster in *The Crimson Pirate* and with Ray Bolger in *Where's Charley?*

He was at the Windmill Theatre, playing five shows a day in the non-stop *Revudeville*, when, in 1953, Vida Hope asked to meet him at the Players Theatre to discuss the role of Bobby Van Husen in *The Boy Friend*. "You're very pretty, darling," she said. "Can you Charleston and do an American accent?" When he told her he could, she said: "Right, you're in." His duet with Ann Wakefield, "Won't you Charleston with me?", stopped the show at the first performance and continued to do so throughout its West End run.

When the post-London tour ended in Brighton in August 1960, Drew had been playing Bobby for seven years. He was afterwards to direct and choreograph productions of *The Boy Friend* in Munich and at many British and European theatres.

In 1968 he appeared in *OK For Sound* at the Mermaid Theatre, followed by two further films, *Oliver!* and *Oh, What A Lovely War!* A long-established favourite in the *Late Joys* Victorian music hall bills at the Players Theatre, he returned there in 1975 to play Bardolph in the Falstaff musical, *At the Sign of the Angel*. In 1979 he was a memorable Herr von Cuckoo in *The Gingerbread Man*, and at the Victoria Palace in 1988 he joined Robert Hardy and Virginia McKenna in the ill-fated Churchill musical, *Winnie*.

An accomplished character actor, he was seen on television in *The Troubleshooters*, with Francesca Annis in *Lillie*, with Ian McShane in *Disraeli*, and as Bloomfield in *The Chef's Apprentice*.

At the Duchess Theatre in 1990, he made a nostalgic reappearance as Bobby Van Husen in *The Boy Friend in Concert*, joining Maria Charles, Violetta, and the stars of the original London production. Drew was then in his seventieth year but, as he and Ann Wakefield launched into an amazingly agile performance of "Won't you Charleston with me?", the audience roared its approval for their moving action-replay of one of the all-time great show-stoppers.

He was unmarried.



Larry Drew and Ann Wakefield in *The Boy Friend*, 1953

SIR GORDON HADOW

Sir Gordon Hadow, CMG, OBE, former deputy governor of the Gold Coast, died on November 6 aged 85. He was born on September 23, 1908.

GORDON HADOW masterminded the Gold Coast's transition to independence, establishing what was thought at the time to be a model for the British Empire in black Africa. On his appointment as deputy governor nearly 40 years ago, he was sent on a short apprenticeship to Westminster, where he sat and worked among the clerks at the House of Commons.

Returning to the country where he had spent most of his career, he led his team of colonial civil servants in laying the foundations of constitutional government, with political parties operating on Western lines. While the governor, Sir Charles Arden-Clarke, represented the Queen as the Gold Coast's head of state, Hadow set up a "kitchen cabinet" of British officials to advise the incoming leader of the new Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah, and his emerging frontbench of ten ministers.

Many in the colonial administration had their own doubts about the wisdom of imposing a British system upon a developing country in West Africa. However, there were no doubts about Hadow's quality, although following an attack of Blackwater Fever in 1939, he was deemed extremely lucky to be alive.

The perfect product of a classical education, he had been born in Cairo — the son of a clergyman employed by the Church Missionary Society. Dispatched back to this country at the age of seven (while his father went on to serve in Calcutta) he progressed to Marlborough, then Trinity College, Oxford, to read Greats.

He joined the Gold Coast administration in 1932 and, apart from two years in Tanganyika just after the war, he stayed there. Initially working as a district officer up-country, he spent most of his later career in the central secretariat in the capital Accra. This was at least partly for health reasons, following his fever (usually a consequence of untreated malaria). But it also reflected his rising reputation in the service.

He was made an under-secretary in 1948, secretary for the civil service in the following year, then secretary to the governor and to the executive council in 1950. He became deputy governor in 1954 and was knighted in 1956 in recognition of his work in the run-up to Ghanaian independence — which happened a year later. His career in the Gold Coast over, Hadow was offered a governorship in the Caribbean, but turned it down in favour of a generous settlement by Whitehall.

He was to spend the next ten years or so, taking part in a succession of special commissions either for the United Nations or Whitehall. These took him back to Africa, and once to Hong Kong, looking into questions of salaries and personnel. Hadow's strengths included his coolness in times of crisis and a logical mind with a fine grasp of detail, which proved a great advantage in his dealings with Nkrumah who was notorious for his broad brush approach.

In his younger days Hadow played hockey in goal for Trinity and was at one time on the fringes of winning a Blue. He also rowed until forced to give up through back trouble.

His wife Marie, whom he met in Tanganyika just after the war, died eight years ago and he is survived by two sons.

LOUIS LAWTON

Louis Lawton, QC, Recorder of the Crown Court, died from bronchial pneumonia in York on October 24 aged 57. He was born on October 15, 1936.

LOUIS LAWTON was one of the most outstanding practitioners of his generation at the Bar on the North Eastern Circuit. He had been a Recorder of the Crown Court for nearly 20 years.

His roots were in the city of York where both his father and grandfather served as the chief actuary of the York County Savings Bank. It was fitting that he became a founder member of the first set of barristers' chambers in the city.

He was educated at Repton and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1959. He then entered the chambers of Henry Scott (later His Honour Judge Scott, QC) where he became the pupil of Rudolph Castle-Miller who, in a characteristic observation to his clerk, remarked that Louis was "too bloody clever for me". He became a tenant in those chambers, for a few years carrying on his practice in London before moving back to York where he lived until his death.

It was at once apparent that his immense industry, his grasp of detail and meticulous preparation of his cases would lead to a successful practice at the Common Law Bar. And so it proved. He quickly established himself as a specialist in personal injury work, and he became especially popular with the large nationalised industries. As a result, he developed a huge paperwork practice and those more junior in chambers, who were attempting to emulate his success, were grateful for the devilling work which he provided from among the pile of papers which surrounded him at home.

He took silk in 1973 at the early age of 37 and his success continued unabated. He featured in a number of leading cases in the field of personal injury law, and he represented the employers in the first contested claim for damages for industrial deafness with conspicuous success. He became a bencher of his Inn in 1981.

However, pressure of work and the strain of the life he led took its toll and it distressed his many friends and admirers to see a gradual but inexorable decline in his powers as an advocate. This finally destroyed all prospect of what had once seemed an inevitable progression to high judicial office.

Louis Lawton was essentially a circuiteer in the truest sense; a man who prized the camaraderie and fellowship of the Bar, and who was both loved and respected by his colleagues in return. His sometimes grave and ponderous delivery belied a wicked sense of humour and a total absence of pomposity.

He was regarded by his contemporaries as a formidable opponent when at the height of his powers; absolutely straight and unfailingly courteous.

He was a member of the Guild of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York and a keen follower of York City Football Club. His marriage to Helen Gair ended in divorce. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

GEORGE SHEEHAN

George Sheehan, an American cardiologist who became the philosophical guru of joggers, died of prostate cancer at his home in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, on November 1 aged 74. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 5, 1918.

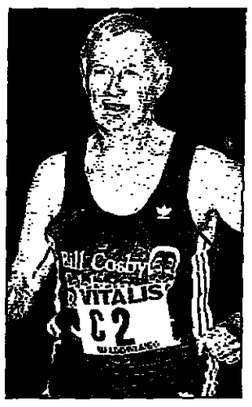
A FIT of temper at the age of 44 changed the life of George Sheehan, and arguably the lives of many thousands who were to follow his new-found passion for recreational running. The year was 1962 and Sheehan, practising as a cardiologist in Red Bank, New Jersey, was woken at 2am by one of his patients for no good reason. He punched the wall in anger, broke his right hand, and was unable to play his favourite sport of tennis. So he went running instead. And never stopped.

As an undergraduate at Manhattan College, Sheehan had been an outstanding miler, but that had been 22 years before and he had given it up in favour of tennis and squash. Now he began pounding the pavements five days a week, running instead of eating lunch.

"I found running," he said later, "and that made it the best year of my life. I was in middle-age melancholia. I had to pull the emergency cord and get off the train. Before I ran I was getting bombed every weekend." At the age of 50, Sheehan set a world record for his age group by running the mile in four minutes and 47 seconds, but he preferred road racing and took part in 21 consecutive Boston Marathons, beginning in his late forties.

Running had become his religion and it was one he proselytised with enthusiasm, writing five books and an endless stream of articles, and making several speeches every week.

As a runner, Sheehan's style was ungainly. As a public



speaker and author he was charismatic and witty, with an unconcealed zest for life and a penchant for quoting the world's philosophers in support of his cause. Among his converts was President Clinton, who wrote to him last April: "You have shown us that we run best when we run with the simple joy of children, and that running and racing give us the chance to become in fact what we already are in design."

Sheehan's own expression of his faith in jogging was somewhat more elaborate. "When I run the roads," he once wrote, "I am a saint. For that hour, I am a St Francis of Assisi wearing the least and meanest of clothes. I am Gandhi, the young London law student, trotting ten or 12 miles a day and then going to a cheap restaurant to eat his fill of bread. I am Thoreau, the solitary seeking union with the world around him. On the roads, poverty, chastity and obedience come naturally. I am one of the poor in spirit who will see God. My chastity is my completion in the true Eros, which is play. And the Ten Commandments are the way the world works."

In 1984, Sheehan gave up his medical practice to devote himself full-time to speaking, writing and running. His cancer was diagnosed two years later, but he continued to run between radiation treatments, though frequently in pain. "There is," he said, "a healthy way to be ill."

George Sheehan came from a family of 14 children. He is survived by his wife Mary, seven sons and five daughters.

WILHELM FELDBERG was head of the Divison of Physiology and Pharmacology at the National Institute for Medical Research, 1949-67, not 1967-91 as stated in our obituary (November 8). He was professor emeritus and personal grant holder, NIMR, 1967-71.

TRUSTEE ACTS

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Solicitors for the Executor

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Solicitors for the Executors

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CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY GROUP PLC
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THE CONDEMNED CONVICTS

The vicinity of Horsemonger-lane Prison presented a very extraordinary scene yesterday. At an early hour crowds of spectators began to assemble, and before noon upwards of 10,000 persons had congregated in front of and near to the gaol. The "morbid curiosity" which had attracted them found little however wherewith to be gratified until after 11 o'clock when the black timbers forming the dismal apparatus of death became visible on the summit of the prison roof.

A number of workmen were employed in erecting strong barricades along the front of the prison. Barricades were also thrown up at short intervals across the main thoroughfare, and in several of the streets leading thereto in order to lessen the pressure of the crowd and prevent the occurrence of accidents.

The sale and hire of seats were yesterday carried on with great activity by the occupants of the houses in Winter-terrace, a row of small tenements facing the gaol. The prices rose as the demand increased, and during the afternoon large premiums were offered for places in favourable situations overlooking the gallows. Mr. Chadwick, the owner of this property, has informed the tenants that he will not allow any scaffolding or seats to be placed upon the roofs of the houses; but the prospect of present gain appears to have destroyed all fear of future consequences among them and there is scarcely a house in the row against which a ladder has not been placed to afford the means of access to persons who might wish to occupy places on the roof. The systematic and businesslike manner in which the whole affair is carried out by these householders is most repulsive.

At 8 o'clock last evening the neighbourhood of the prison was densely crowded by persons who had taken up their positions for the night to await the dreadful exhibition which is to take place at 9 o'clock this morning.

It has been ascertained that early on Sunday morning the wretched woman Maria Manning made an attempt to strangle herself. From the time of her conviction the governor of the gaol had taken every precaution for her safe-keeping and for that purpose had placed three female turnkeys in her cell. She pretended to feel a strong attachment for them, and often requested them to lie down and take a few hours repose but they declined doing so, as they had noticed that, although she frequently affected to be asleep, she was watching their movements with great earnestness. About 3 o'clock on Sunday morning, however, two of them being overrun with fatigue fell asleep, and the prisoner took the opportunity to endeavour to strangle herself by tightly grasping her throat, and forcing her nails into the windpipe. The third attendant observed her as she was becoming convulsed and, arousing the other attendants, the unhappy woman was prevented from completing her dreadful purpose. It appears that she had allowed her nails to grow to a great length, and had sharpened them almost to a point. It is needless to add that care had been taken to prevent her repeating the attempt.

ON THIS DAY

November 13 1849

The preparations for the execution of the murderers Frederick and Maria Manning were witnessed by Dickens who was appalled: "The conduct of the people was so indescribably frightful that I felt as if I were living in a city of devils."

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NEWS

Business attacks Tory policy

■ Challenges over government policy on Europe and taxes have been mounted by the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors.

Howard Davies of the CBI pressed for a single currency in Europe, while Peter Morgan of the IOD, urged that there be no tax increases in the Budget ..... Pages 1, 16

Salvation Army funds found

■ Lawyers believe they have now identified nearly all the $10 million (£6.8 million) misappropriated from Salvation Army funds. They found that $5 million had been invested in a Malibu Beach house which escaped last week's California fire by yards ..... Page 1

Nissan cuts

Nissan has offered six months' salary as severance pay to British workers willing to take voluntary redundancy ..... Page 1

Police chased

Drug-crazed car thieves in a stolen Range Rover injured six policemen and damaged nine police vehicles as they hunted patrol cars through Berkshire and Buckinghamshire ..... Pages 1, 7

Meningitis alert

North Staffordshire Health Authority has issued a meningitis alert after the deaths of two babies from meningococcal septicaemia ..... Page 1

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Britain has refused to support a global ban on dumping nuclear waste in the seas ..... Page 2

Sentences cut

A man who raped and sexually abused three girls hundreds of times has had 12 life sentences reduced by the Irish Supreme Court to 15 years ..... Page 3

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The parents of Laura Davies, who died after two multiple-organ transplants in the United States, complained they had not been told of the effects of anti-rejection drugs ..... Page 5

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Jill Tweedie, 57, feminist writer and broadcaster, has died of motor neurone disease ..... Page 8

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President Clinton is to offer Israel economic and military incentives to advance the Middle East peace process ..... Page 15

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Constitutional negotiators in South Africa agreed to move to scrap repressive measures in KwaZulu, Bophuthatswana and Ciskei ..... Page 13

Popular prince

Diplomats believe that the Prince of Wales's recent call for greater understanding between Christian and Muslim, paid dividends on his Gulf tour ..... Page 8

Judge strikes note of discord

■ Sir Leonard Hoffmann, a High Court judge who is chairing the Arts Council panel that may be responsible for killing off two London orchestras, has indicated in a letter to the Musicians' Union that he would really rather not be involved in the task ..... Page 9



Father Mark Jabalè, a former coach of the Oxford University rowing eight, was blessed as the new abbot of Belmont yesterday

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Hotels enquiry: The department of trade has launched an investigation into the affairs of Queens Moat Houses, the troubled hotel group ..... Page 21

Casino comeback: Donald Trump, the American financier and casino owner, is poised for a comeback three years after his property empire was rescued from the brink of bankruptcy .... Page 21

Hidden shocks: Mortgage customers who take out insurance expecting to be covered when they become ill or lose their jobs may be in for a shock when they try to make a claim ..... Page 25

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Cricket: Australia reached 229 for the loss of six wickets on the first day of the first Test against New Zealand in Perth. Mark Taylor hit 64 in 240 minutes ..... Page 37

Athletics: In a bid to produce an American winner, the organisers of the New York marathon will introduce separate prizemoney lists, one for US entrants and one for the rest ..... Page 40

Rugby Union: Scotland's selectors will tonight chose the team to play New Zealand at Murrayfield next Saturday against a backdrop of gloom — unless Scotland A can produce a surprise against the All Blacks this afternoon ..... Page 40

Football: By their clemency towards Eric Cantona, the rulers of European football gave birth to the hope that authority is capable of understanding a crime of passion: Rob Hughes assesses the punishment of Manchester United's Frenchman ..... Pages 39, 40

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New on disc: An album by the veteran jazz-rock guitarist John McLaughlin pays homage to the late Bill Evans: Decca's new recording of *Manon Lescaut* casts Luciano Pavarotti and Mirella Freni, both in their late fifties, as Puccini's young lovers; and Philips's new recording of Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* comes with a 200-piece jigsaw ..... Weekend page 16

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(The destruction of the stone bridge at Mostar) reminds us once again of a war that continues viciously into its third winter

The Washington Post

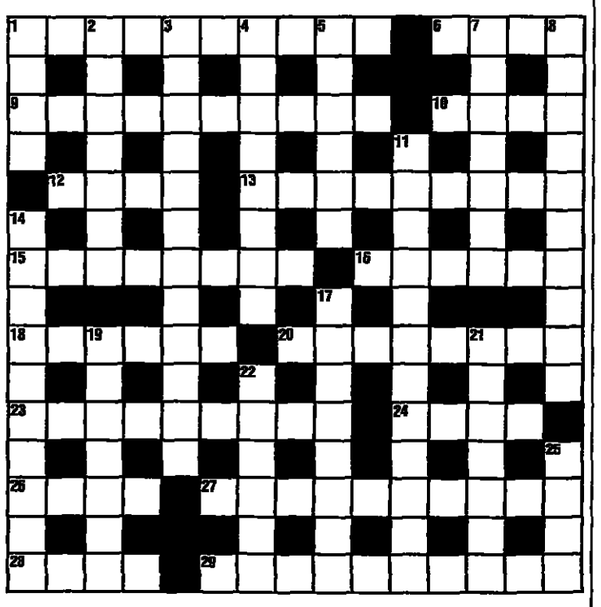
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ACROSS

1 Having gained reputation for being robust . . . (10)
6 . . . whaler is found in sea, habitually (4)
9 Protective layer where the going is soft, presumably? (4,6)
10 Norseman is fine no longer (4)
12 More than ancient history? (4)
13 Account outstanding is rising in the main (9)
15 Rare gas in nourishing drink is irregular (8)
16 County worker at border (6)
18 For a cricket-side, the final insult (6)
20 Exotic glories around a place of Eastern dishes (8)
23 An insect's struggling to be non-stop (9)
24 Sisters as peacemakers between partners (4)
26 Intravenous article for a grand duke (4)
27 Car with severely damaged exterior is reduced in value (10)
28 Architect calls for new wood (4)
29 Embroidered top bolster can be set on bed (7-3)

DOWN

1 Disengage a French act (4)
2 Red-hot water-boiler, would you say? (7)
3 To produce air, one needs a box of variable length (12)
4 Wobbly turn bared to show tattoo (8)
5 Snuggle down among the cleanest leaves (6)
7 Cross-country runner who lays waste? (7)
8 Advocate ham or game? (10)
11 Done summit in a minute less, perhaps, going up here (12)
14 Hostility in the workplace (10)
17 Guards not without heart in trains (8)
19 Clock repairs? (7)
21 Short ball and extended dance, paradoxically (4,3)
22 Particular dialect of boy in love? (6)
25 Admit losing heart in approach to working (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,381

J	E	N	E	S	A	I	S	Q	U	O	I			
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Solution to Puzzle No 19,386

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WEATHER

It will be a very wet day over most of England and Wales. Southern counties will be drier, brighter and very mild around the middle of the day, with clearer, colder weather spreading to many areas from the northwest later. It will be windy. Most of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry, bright and cold, although southern-most regions will be cloudy for a time. Wintry showers are likely in the northwest. Outlook: mostly fine, frosty nights.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun: sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	r	Madrid	14	57	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Majorca	15	59	r
Alex'dria	21	70	c	Malaga	17	63	d
Algiers	21	70	s	Malta	21	70	f
Amst'dm	9	48	f	Melb'rne	19	66	r
Athens	12	54	f	Miami*	27	81	f
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	12	54	c
Bangkok	33	91	s	Montreal*	3	37	c
Barbados*	29	84	s	Moscow	-7	19	s
Barcelona	14	57	c	Munich	7	45	f
Beirut	19	66	s	Nairobi	26	79	f
Belgrade	0	32	f	Naples	16	61	c
Berlin	7	45	c	N Delhi	25	77	s
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N York*	13	55	s
Biarritz	14	57	f	Nice	14	57	c
Borde'x	15	59	f	Oslo	1	34	f
Brussels	9	48	s	Paris	10	50	s
Budapest	0	32	sn	Peking	15	59	s
B Aires*	23	73	r	Perth	17	63	c
Cairo	23	73	f	Prague	7	45	f
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	c
Chicago*	12	54	s	Rhodes	15	59	s
Ch'church	12	54	c	Rio de J	29	84	f
Cologne	10	50	f	Riyadh	33	91	s
C'phagn	7	45	s	Rome	16	61	r
Corfu	15	59	f	Salzburg	7	45	c
Dublin	9	48	f	S F'risco*	15	59	f
Dubrovnik	15	59	c	Santiago*	24	75	s
Faro	20	68	s	S Paulo*	29	84	f
Florence	14	57	r	Seoul	18	64	c
Frankfurt	8	46	c	Sing'por	29	84	r
Funchal	18	64	c	St'kholm	1	34	sl
Geneva	7	45	c	Strasb'rg	9	48	f
Gibraltar	18	64	c	Sydney	22	72	s
Helsinki	-3	27	s	Tangier	18	64	c
Hong K	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	21	70	f
Innsbrck	6	43	c	Tenerife	22	72	f
Istanbul	9	48	f	Tokyo	16	61	f
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	8	46	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	f	Tunis	24	75	f
Karachi	34	93	s	Valencia	13	55	r
L Palmas	21	70	f	Vanc'ver*	4	39	f
Le Tquet	10	50	f	Venice	13	55	f
Lisbon	17	63	s	Vienna	-1	30	c
Locarno	10	50	f	Warsaw	-4	25	sn
L Angels*	17	63	s	Wash'tom*	13	55	s
Luxembg	5	41	c	Wel'ngton	13	56	o
Luxor	29	84	s	Zurich	4	39	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.44 pm to 6.45 am
Bristol 4.54 pm to 6.55 am
Edinburgh 4.39 pm to 7.15 am
Manchester 4.45 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 5.10 pm to 7.02 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 7.15 am — Sun sets: 4.14 pm
Moon rises: 6.42 am — Moon sets: 3.49 pm
New Moon 9.34 pm

London 4.43 pm to 6.47 am
Bristol 4.53 pm to 6.56 am
Edinburgh 4.37 pm to 7.17 am
Manchester 4.44 pm to 7.03 am
Penzance 5.09 pm to 7.04 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.17 am — Sun sets: 4.13 pm
Moon rises: 8.01 am — Moon sets: 4.35 pm
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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.6	-	8	46	sunny
Anglesey	6.3	0.39	10	50	sunny
Aviemore	4.8	-	7	45	sunny
Belfast	7.3	-	8	46	sunny
Birmingham	6.4	-	10	50	sunny
Bognor Regis	7.7	-	11	52	sunny
Bournemouth	7.3	-	11	52	sunny
Bristol	7.6	-	11	52	sunny
Buxton	2.4	0.19	6	43	shower
Cardiff	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Clacton	6.1	0.05	11	52	sunny
Cromer	5.6	0.09	9	48	sunny
Edinburgh	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.2	-	7	45	sunny
Exmouth	7.0	0.07	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	6.8	0.05	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Glasgow	5.4	-	9	48	fog
Guernsey	6.8	0.01	x	x	sunny
Hastings	7.9	-	11	52	sunny
Hunstanton	4.7	0.04	9	48	sunny
Isle of Man	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Jersey	5.8	0.04	12	54	shower
Kinloss	3.8	-	8	46	sunny
Leeds	5.5	-	10	50	sunny
Lerwick	2.9	0.01	8	46	shower
Littlehampton	7.7	-	11	52	sunny
Liverpool	5.4	0.04	9	48	sunny
London	6.2	-	11	52	sunny
Lowestoft	6.0	0.13	9	48	sunny
Manchester	2.4	0.18	8	46	hail
Margate	x	0.01	10	50	sunny
Minehead	x	0.11	11	52	shower
Morecambe	3.6	0.08	9	48	shower
Newcastle	5.2	-	8	46	sunny
Newquay	6.1	0.05	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	5.1	0.02	8	46	sunny
Penzance	7.6	0.23	13	55	sunny
Plymouth	6.6	0.04	11	52	sunny
Poole	5.6	-	11	52	sunny
Saunton Snd	4.6	0.11	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.6	0.08	12	54	sunny
Shanklin	7.7	-	11	52	sunny
Southsea	7.8	-	11	52	sunny
Stornoway	4.7	0.02	8	46	shower
Swanage	6.7	-	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	7.7	0.02	11	52	sunny
Tenby	6.8	0.14	10	50	sunny
Tiree	5.6	0.27	9	48	hail
Torquay	7.0	-	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	7.3	0.07	11	52	shower
Wick	3.8	-	7	45	sunny

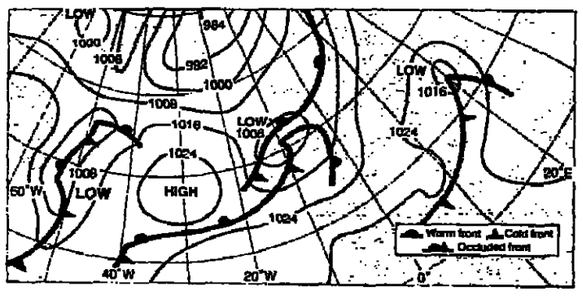
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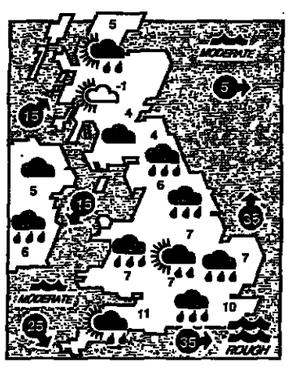
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	18.57	17.07
Belgium Fr	56.52	52.12
Canada $	2.0525	1.8925
Cyprus Cypf	0.765	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.58	9.78
Finland Mkk	9.25	8.45
France Fr	9.17	8.47
Germany Dm	2.65	2.44
Greece Dr	376.50	351.50
Hong Kong $	12.07	11.07
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lire	2650.00	2395.00
Japan Yen	175.00	115.50
Malta Mtk	0.618	0.560
Netherlands Gld	2.955	2.725
Norway Kr	11.47	10.67
Portugal Esc	268.00	249.50
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	209.00	195.00
Sweden Kr	12.74	11.94
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	20500	19500
USA $	1.575	1.445

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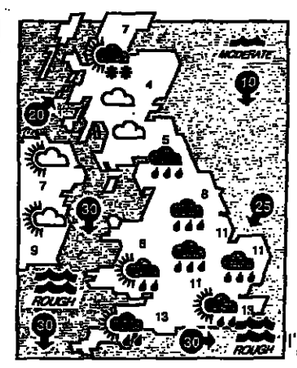
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Jobs at BAE's Woodford factory, in Manchester, will be under threat if reports that the Taiwan RJ deal is to be scrapped turn out to be true

Queens Moat faces DTI investigation

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE trade department has launched an investigation into the affairs of Queens Moat Houses, the troubled hotel group.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, said inspectors had been appointed under Section 432 of the Companies Act 1985, giving them wide powers to obtain documents and summon past and present directors.

Adrian Burn, London managing partner of BDO Binder Hamlyn, the accountant, and Patrick Phillips QC, a barrister specialising in finance and professional negligence, will conduct the investigation. They have been asked to look at various matters drawn to the DTI's attention in respect of transactions and accounting issues highlighted in the report and accounts for the year to end-December 1992.

Queens Moat welcomed the enquiry, saying: "The board believes that it is in the best interests of shareholders and creditors that matters should be fully investigated." The group stunned the City last month when it unveiled a pre-tax loss of more than £1 billion for 1992. The loss was fuelled by huge exceptional write-downs, reflecting the fall in value of the group's hotel portfolio. Stanley Metcalfe, chairman, and Andrew Coppel, chief executive, said at the time that certain matters, including the alleged payment of unlawful dividends between 1991 and 1993, other breaches of the Companies Act and infringement of Stock Exchange regulations, had been brought to the attention of the DTI and the Stock Exchange.

■ Inspectors will be able to require the attendance of present and past directors, officers and agents of the company and the production of any relevant documents

The 1992 annual report, published this month, showed that John Williams, a former director and head of the property division, was paid £1 million in 1991 and almost £1.2 million last year. The 1991 payment had not been revealed in the accounts for that year. The accounts also showed that Mr Williams sold the bulk of his Queens Moat shares during the year. Both he and Martin Marcus, then deputy chairman, disposed of shares just before the closed period in which directors are not allowed to deal.

Queens Moat's troubles erupted in March, when the company requested that its shares be suspended "pending clarification of its financial position". Mr Marcus and David Hershey, finance director, were both suspended, and accountants were appointed to investigate the group.

Soon afterwards, Mr Coppel, former finance director of the Ratners jewellery group, was appointed as a consultant on behalf of banks owed £1.2 billion. He became chief executive in July, in a shake-up that saw nine directors resign. John Bairstow, founder and chairman, resigned in August, in favour of Mr Metcalfe, formerly of Ranks Hovis McDougall.

David Howell and John Gale resigned as non-executive directors last week. Mr Howell, MP for Guildford and a former cabinet minister, claimed he and the other non-executives had been "clearly misled" during their time with the group.

This is only the third Section 432 investigation to be launched since the summer of 1992, when inspectors were appointed to study the affairs of Mirror Group Newspapers. Inspectors were appointed to Chancery PLC this August.

Section 432 gives inspectors wide powers to require the production of documents and attendance of witnesses, including present and past directors, officers and agents of the company and anyone else they consider is or may be in possession of relevant information concerning the company, and to examine that person on oath.

BAe reviews position on Taiwan deal

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

SHARES in British Aerospace fell 11p to 430p yesterday on reports from Taiwan — which BAe is not accepting at face value — that its $775 million deal with Taiwan Aerospace has been scrapped "because our differences are too big to be narrowed".

BAe said that "talks with TAC had not been broken off", but added that it was reviewing its position. The group said in reaction to the reports that "no government statement has been made", and that it had had no official word from the Taiwan.

In January, the two companies signed an agreement to form a joint venture to produce regional jet aircraft seating 70-115 passengers.

The Taiwanese company subsequently claimed the market potential of the RJ aircraft was not as promising as originally thought. Earle Ho, its chairman, was quoted as saying BAe had rejected a proposal that the contract be scaled down.

John Cahill, BAe's chairman, who has already made at least eight visits to Taiwan this year, has invited Mr Ho to London for further talks. Mr Ho said he would be declining the invitation.

Trade gap figures at lowest for five years

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S trade gap is at its lowest for five years, new government figures showed yesterday in a pre-Budget confidence boost for the government. Factory output also rose marginally — confirming that economic recovery, although fragile, is still under way.

While ministers took comfort from the latest figures, business leaders struck a highly sceptical note, particularly about the trade figures.

City economists were equally sceptical about the trade figures. John Marsland, of UBS, said: "As they stand, the official figures are unbelievable." He believes that EC net imports have probably been understated by as much as £6.5 billion for the first eight months of the year because of changes to the way intra-EC trade data is collected.

Mr Marsland also criticised extensive revisions to the data, which have seen the value of exports between January and July raised by £500 million while imports have been revised down by £1 billion.

Revised figures for July from the Central Statistical Office showed that a deficit of £1.5 billion had now been set at £1.1 billion, while the deficit for August is reported as just £419 million — the lowest figure since February 1987, when it was £376 million.

Since January, a new method of counting EC trade has been used with the start of the EC single market.

The CSO — which had delayed publication of the figures for two days because it had been unhappy with its process of seasonal adjustment — said that the figures now met its normal standards. It acknowledged that the series was volatile and that next month's figures could reverse the immediate trend.

However, Whitehall insisted that the longer-term trade figures trend was clear, and that the trade deficit was in decline. The value of total exports stood at £10.4 billion in August, while total imports were £10.8 billion.

The visible balance of trade with the EC was at £310 million, the largest since 1988, when monthly figures were first compiled, and the CSO said that it marked the "most significant" quarterly surplus on EC trade since 1980. The total value of exports was at an all-time monthly high, as were exports to countries outside the EC, at £4.87 billion

Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, said that the figures showed that "what is going on in much of the economy is a sustained, if unspectacular, recovery".

The CBI described the trade figures as "extremely suspect", though some City economists suggested that they were good enough to make it easier for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to increase taxes, if he wished, in the Budget.

The more positive interpretation of the trade figures was given some support by latest production figures. The index of output of production industries showed a tiny 0.1 percentage point rise in September, while that for manufacturing rose by 0.4 percentage points, after a 0.8 point fall in August.

The manufacturing output index suggests a growth rate of 1 per cent a year — the same trend figure suggested by last month's data, which gave support to industry leaders and economists who believe that although recovery remains under way, it is proceeding slowly and at very different rates from region to region.

Gas output is up sharply, as more electricity generators turn to it as a fuel, while coal is showing an equally marked decline, largely because of the pit closure programme.

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

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Trump takes a gamble on a comeback

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK



Donald Trump, aiming to be a top contender again

DONALD Trump, the American financier and casino owner who developed a habit of putting his name on virtually everything he bought in the 1980s, is poised for a comeback. It is three years since his property empire was rescued from the brink of bankruptcy when bank debts hit $2 billion.

Talks between Mr Trump and his main bondholders and bankers, which include National Westminster, are designed to return to him, full ownership of three Atlantic City casinos, which would be parcelled together and floated on the stock market.

He would then be able to pay off $200 million of personal debt. Mr Trump has been defiantly declaring for the past 18 months that he is making an imminent comeback. But his empire is much slimmer. Gone are the yacht, the private Boeing 727, the public airline, and several hundred luxury apartments.

But he is no longer on the $450,000 a month allowance on which bankers placed him when they rescued him in the summer of 1990, suspending interest payments and lending him $65 million of fresh cash.

He is placing his comeback bets on America's booming gambling business, which took in $10.2 billion last year and experts believe will double to $20 billion by the end of the decade.

But Atlantic City — home of Mr Trump's Taj Mahal, Castle and Plaza Hotel casinos — is not doing as well as other parts of America. Bus traffic is down 10 per cent so far this year while betting has risen only 2.4 per cent.

It is unclear just how much discount the bankers are prepared to accept on some of his debts. Earlier this year, it appeared that National Westminster, which lent Mr Trump $65 million, could take a loss of up to 50 per cent on some of the loans it advanced, many of them on a handshake.



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How I would gas with Heseltine over supper

If I was sitting across a table from the President of the Board of Trade, which I am not, rather than facing a word-processor, which I am, I think I would attempt to touch on the subject of British Gas; delicately of course.

I think if I caught Michael Heseltine's eye, let alone his attention, I would murmur about the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and its investigation into British Gas: a mere mote, it goes without saying, in Heseltine's vision of the UK, Europe and, lest it be forgotten, the world, but, from an admittedly myopic point of view, a not entirely insignificant aspect of British industry.

I think, by way of small talk over the hors-d'oeuvres, I would remark upon how interesting and sensible it was that, albeit at British Gas's request, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission spent a year (not to mention a few shillings of taxpayers' funds) investigating the UK gas supply industry: searching, with more than due diligence, for any adverse factors which just might require remedy.

Being something of a master of small talk, though I say it myself, I suspect I would remind him that, as I recall, the MMC found there were no facts which operated, or were expected to operate (you have to know the jargon) against the public interest "as regards the tariff market of 2,500 therms and below". Such is the stuff ministers like to discuss over potted shrimps and the like and, giving nothing away, the said minister would doubtless remind me that the MMC also noted that it was — and is — government policy to extend competition to the tariff market.

Being an acknowledged master of his brief, albeit prone to a degree of one-upmanship, the said minister might well add that the MMC also found that Ofgas's tariff formula *did* operate against the public interest because it is unlikely to produce "adequate profits" — thus adversely affecting the supply of capital to the industry.

As we wait on the *carre d'agneau*, we might, quite conceivably, swap other little facets of the MMC's findings; depending on the quality of our respective memories, bearing in mind that the MMC's various tomes on this aspect of energy first saw the light of day way back in August.

I, for my part, wary of this government's ability to do for British Gas in much the same way as it has done for British Coal (not a parallel I would dream of drawing during this little tête à tête) might well allude to the fact that the MMC saw "no evidence" to suggest that British Gas's charges "could be regarded as too high". Also, in British Gas's favour, did not the report note that the great majority of non-tariff customers supplied by British Gas were either "very satisfied or fairly satisfied" with the service?

Michael (for we would clearly be on firts name terms by now) would thus be left to focus on the nub of the matter and, again without giving anything away, would almost certainly remind me that the MMC



MELVYN MARCKUS

did find that British Gas's role, as seller of gas and owner of the transportation operation, gave rise to "an inherent conflict of interest" which makes it "impossible to provide the necessary conditions for self sustaining competition". Ministers never forget a phrase that includes the word competition.

And I, forking my *mange tout*, (pods seem to be compulsory these days) would acknowledge the minister and deftly lead him on to matters more immediate, namely the MMC's consequent recommendation that the two operations should be separately owned to provide "neutrality and transparency". The MMC, as the likes of Michael and myself are well aware, recommended that British Gas should decide, in the interests of investors, on the most appropriate method of divestment, be it demerger, flotation or disposal — subject to the approval of the Director General of Fair Trading. The thick end of the wedge (particularly for a cabinet minister) was the MMC's reasoning that in view of the fact that the development of competition would be in the interests of customers, then customers should bear the cost.

If Michael chose to be indiscreet, which is unlikely, over the pudding, he might choose to elaborate on the fact that, in its evidence to the MMC, the DTI positioned itself *against* a break up of British Gas; not least because such a decision leaves the government defenceless against the allegation that, in 1986, it peddled some £5 billion worth of stock to Sid & Co on the back of a false prospectus.

So, with the ice well and truly broken, brandy glasses nestling in our respective palms, I suspect I would drop the Mr Charm act, face Hezza with a quizzical gaze and ask him what the hell is going on down at the overstaffed (close on 12,000, would you believe?) Victoria Street Lubyianka which he happens to preside over.

The MMC inquiry — initially scheduled to take six to nine months — took more than a year, courtesy of an extension that permitted the government to focus on peddling £5 billion worth of BT stock to the public who, it was felt, had best not focus on the British Gas probe. The DTI, in its wisdom, subsequently created a "consultation period": enter a bevy of external consultants and advisers to prop up the 12,000 and ponder the MMC's recommendations. The consultation closed at the end of October and what do we have from the 12,001: a deafening silence. Strange, because British Gas, as I understand it, is not opposed to the MMC's findings — the plea being that should the findings be implemented they should be come as a package. Is Heseltine opposed to the MMC's recommendations? What are his colleagues' views post the consultation period? Do his colleagues have any views? Are they brain dead?

Imagine having to attempt to formulate medium to long term strategic planning at British Gas in this vacuum. Do not 2 million investors and some 70,000 employees deserve a little better? Why, one might wonder, has the share price retreated of late from a high of 348p to 315p, albeit still capitalising the company at some £13½ billion. And was it not our President of the Board of Trade who promised to strike up a meaningful dialogue with industry?

I think I would turn to Hezza and tell him to "kick ass".

Unilever rises 5% despite difficult trading conditions

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch group whose products range from detergents to branded foods, achieved a 5 per cent rise in pre-tax profit, to £613 million on sales of £6.64 billion, in the three months to end-September, and yesterday declared an interim dividend of 6.08p, up from the 5.2p paid previously.

The latest quarterly result lifts Unilever's nine-month pre-tax profit to £1.59 billion (£1.5 billion), on nine-month sales of £19.3 billion.

Michael Perry, chairman, said that, in a quarter of still-difficult trading conditions, overall margins had eased from 9.9 per cent to 9.7 per cent, and that the operating margin within Europe had slipped from 10.8 per cent to 10.4 per cent.

In Europe, poor summer weather affected ice-cream sales, but further progress was noted in most other branded food categories and in businesses in the personal products field. Generally, Unilever's market share increased.

In North America, sales were 3 per cent higher and operating profit rose by 4 per cent — and would have risen 9 per cent but for a change, earlier in the year, in accounting policy that resulted in a £5 million charge against quarterly profits.

The pasta price war in America continued, but market share is being regained, although only slowly. The US detergent price war remains expensive. However, Unilever continues to spend heavily on promotion of its various brands in the recession, and also on the development of market share.

The personal products businesses in America remain "buoyant", and launches planned this quarter suggest that the toothpaste market will remain strong.

After an earlier $155 million acquisition in the ice-cream market, complemented by a recent deal whereby the group bought Kraft General Foods' US ice-cream business, Unilever's ice-cream interests in America are three times larger than they were a year ago.

There was an overall 20 per cent rise in operating profit in the rest of the world. Areas of strength include the hair care market in Japan, and the hair and skin products markets in South America, Indonesia and the Indian sub-continent.

To date this year, Unilever has made 24 acquisitions and 14 disposals, at a net cost of £450 million.

Gearing was 21 per cent at the end of September, against 27 per cent at end-June and 19 per cent a year ago. Net debt at September 30 was £1.5 billion, against £1.9 billion at June 30 and £1.2 billion a year ago.

The interest of American shareholders on Unilever's register has held steady at about 20 per cent.

The shares fell 16p to 1,087p.

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Happy returns at Azlan

JOHN MANNING



A diluted stake means David Randall has his cake and eats it

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in the flotation of Azlan Group, the computer services company, will be offered at 230p each, capitalising the group at £50.2 million.

Azlan, was founded in 1984 and bought by Logitek five years later. Institutional investors, led by CINVen and David Randall, managing director, led a £6.5 million management buyout from Logitek in 1991.

The flotation will bring a handsome windfall for the 20 managers, with Mr Randall, who was celebrating his 45th birthday yesterday, likely to realise the best part of £1.5 million by diluting his personal shareholding.

Existing shareholders will be selling 6.61 million shares, with a further 3.04 million being issued by the group. They will retain a total of about 55.8 per cent of the shares after the flotation, with directors, the management team and families holding about 27 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

Net proceeds for the company will amount to about £6 million.

Azlan has seen sales grow by a compound 47 per cent a year over the past five years, reaching £41.2 million in the year to end-March 1993, with pre-tax profits of £2.99 million. Taxable profits in the six months to end-September amounted to £1.88 million, on turnover of £28.5 million.

Analysts are looking for full year pre-tax profits in the region of £4 million. The group expects to recommend a final dividend of not less than 2p for the year to end-March 1994.

The shares are on a historic price/earnings ratio of 27.4 times and a yield of 1.6 per cent. Dealings are due to start on November 24. The share placing and intermediaries offer is fully underwritten by S G Warburg, the merchant bank.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dasa rejects subsidies to keep plants open

ANOTHER 11,000 jobs are at risk at Deutsche Aerospace (Dasa) in addition to the 16,000 the company plans to cut by 1996, Juergen Schrempp, the board chairman, said yesterday. He spoke after a meeting with state governors and Edzard Reuter, the Daimler-Benz chairman. Dasa is a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz. The politicians tried to persuade the company to reverse its earlier decision to close six of its 53 plants by using state subsidies, but Dasa has rejected the proposal. Herr Schrempp said the cuts were the "minimal step" needed to save the company's remaining 70,000 jobs.

Bonn's independent Council of Economic Advisers believes the west German recession has ended and there will be no "double-dip" recession, but it foresaw no signs of an early recovery, Herbert Hax, the chairman, said. *Bild* said the council's report forecast west German inflation at 3 per cent.

Savings bonds sales up

INTRODUCTION of a tiered rate of interest for investors with more than £25,000 in National Savings income bonds pushed the bonds' gross sales to their highest for three years last month. Net contribution to government funds, at £157 million, was also higher than for any other product while fixed-interest certificates contributed £89 million and the investment account £56 million. Of First Option Bonds reaching first anniversaries in October, £105 million remained with National Savings and repayments were £41 million. Total National Savings sales were £879 million.

Qantas chief resigns

GRAHAM Jones, the chief financial officer of Qantas Airways, the Australian flag carrier, has resigned after less than a year "to pursue personal interests". Mr Jones said he joined Qantas to be involved in its flotation, but, with this delayed until early 1995 at the earliest, he could not make a commitment to see privatisation through. In August, John Ward, the managing director, resigned, citing similar reasons. Qantas had a net loss, after extraordinary items, of A$376.8 million (£168 million) in the year to June. Mr Jones said he felt his time with it to be a success, with refinancing on track.

Dalgety is optimistic

DALGETY, the food manufacturer, is finding trading conditions tough but believes its business strengths will mean continued progress. Maurice Warren, the chairman, told the company's annual meeting: "Recovery in the UK is slow and the economies in France and Germany are still firmly in recession. However, we expect that our overall business strengths will ensure that Dalgety can grow in the 1990s." Dalgety's pre-tax profit for the year to end-June rose 1 per cent to £112.2 million, after a £9 million provision on claims arising from sale of a business in 1987.

Ashley Group dispute



ASHLEY Group is embroiled in a legal dispute with Parafax, which bought Digsa, its Spanish supermarket chain. Parafax, whose backers included Sir Ralph Halpern, right, agreed to assume the chain's £30 million net debt and pay £20 million in cash installments. Ashley announced court action last month after the first installment was unpaid and seeks control of shares in a subsidiary used as security. Parafax is making a counter-claim.

Jessups markets 'fragile'

JESSUPS, the motor dealer based in Essex, says that markets remain fragile, with evidence of sustained improvement inconclusive. The company, which is changing its year-end to December, reported pre-tax profits of £707,000 for the 12 months to end-August, up from £506,000 previously. Earnings per share slipped to 0.54p, from 1.05p, reflecting the return to a standard tax charge. The second interim dividend is 1.5p, the same as the first. Turnover rose to £92.1 million, from £75.85 million. Operating profits were £1.49 million (£1 million). The interest charge rose to £787,000 (£509,000).

Banks extend credit to Stanhope Properties

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BANKS have thrown a lifeline to Stanhope Properties by extending a revolving credit facility until December 1996, but the struggling property company has not ruled out calling on shareholders for fresh funds to secure its future.

Yesterday the company, headed by Stuart Lipton, said it had reduced pre-tax losses to £62 million in the year to the end of June from £213.4 million previously, but confirmed a £15.8 million shortfall on its assets, requiring it to convene an extraordinary meeting of shareholders.

Banks to the company, which has a half share in the Broadgate and Ludgate office complexes in the City of London, have extended its credit facility due to run out next month until December 1996. The deal will be reviewed annually and is subject to conditions regarding sales.

During the year Stanhope Properties sold off three important properties, including the ITN headquarters in London, and cut debts from £254 million to £132 million. It also had to make provisions of £34.2 million on unlet accommodation in London and pay out £22.7 million in interest charges.

Losses per share were cut to 37.35p from 128.6p. There is, again, no dividend.

The company said it was more optimistic about prospects. "The board is confident that the bottom of the property cycle has passed," shareholders were told.

"With the rising demand for high quality office investments, which make up the bulk of our portfolio, we expect to see slow but steady progress over the coming 12 months and thereafter which will assist towards a return to positive net worth," the company added.

PW forced to cut US invoices

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

PRICE Waterhouse, the accountant, has been forced to cut 33 per cent off its bill to an American agency which officially investigated its invoices.

The Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC), the organisation clearing up America's collapsed Savings and Loan industry, has made PW reduce its charges from $27 million to $18.1 million. Talks continue which could cut the original charges by 50 per cent, an RTC spokesman said.

The bill was part of $100 million in total fees from a number of advisers which were criticised by Lloyd Bentsen, America's treasury secretary, as "excessive marks-ups by contractors."

PW was accused of charging 67 cents a page to photo-copy documents, a bill totalling $6.7 million. It rejected the allegation and said the actual copying cost was five to eight cents, but extraordinary measures had to be taken so that the copies could be used as legal evidence.

A PW spokesman said the firm rejected the allegations of overcharging. "We strongly disagree that we need to make any further fee adjustment. The RTC are not being fair to us and we are caught up in political issues which are not of our own making."

Lilliput Group seeks £16m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

LILLIPUT Group, which makes hand-painted miniature houses, seeks to raise a total of £16.25 million in its forthcoming flotation, at 135p a share, capitalising the group at about £31.4 million.

The company is joining the market through a placing and intermediaries offer. The offer is sponsored by NatWest Markets and carried out by Albert E Sharp. Dealings are due to start on November 25. Of the total proceeds, £2.43 million is receivable by the company, with £1.4 million of this going to pay off preference and deferred shares.

Lilliput made pre-tax profits of £1.08 million in the first half of this year, on sales of £7.1 million. In the last year, 1.2 million models, under the Lilliput Lane brand name, were sold at prices from £8 to £450.

Lilliput is forecasting pre-tax profits of at least £3 million for the year to January 2, and earnings of 9.3p a share, putting the shares on a multiple of 14.5 times forecast earnings. A 0.6p maiden final dividend is planned and the annualised payout is put at 4.35p, giving a notional gross yield of 4 per cent.

Existing shareholders will retain 48.3 per cent of the shares after flotation, with directors and their families holding about 22.7 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

Allocations at Gartmore

THE public's appetite for shares in Gartmore, the fund manager, outstripped supply, forcing the company to scale back allocations for investors wanting more than 2,000 shares, with those wanting more than 25,000 receiving 70 per cent of their requests (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The strong demand was despite pricing the 168p share sell-off, which values Gartmore at £338.6 million, at the top end of market expectations. Nearly 11,000 people applied for 18.1 million shares, but only 15.2 million were available, excluding 524,450 shares allocated to employees.

A further 29.3 million shares, with a value of £49.2 million, were placed with institutions. Paul Myners, Gartmore's chairman, said: "We are extremely happy that the offer has been fully subscribed in current market conditions."Dealings are due to begin next Friday.

Trust offers to annul German acquisitions

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE London-listed East German Investment Trust, one of the largest investors in east Germany, is taking an extraordinary step to try to quash allegations that it illegally benefitted from the privatisation of two east German companies.

Yesterday the company's directors agreed to offer to hand back one company purchased from the Treuhandanstalt, the agency charged with privatising former East German industries, and to cease negotiations to acquire another.

Egit, whose shareholders include Norwich Union, with a 23 per cent stake, and Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, has a blue chip board including Colin Black, chairman of Scottish Widows, Sir Christopher Tugendhat, Abbey National's chairman, resigned as a director in July.

Reacting angrily to the allegations in the German press, Dr Olav zu Ermgassen, the German banker who heads Egit, said the board's decision was "in order to avoid even the appearance of unlawful enrichment on the part of the company". Herr zu Ermgassen and his merchant bank, Ermgassen, are also accused of deriving financial benefits as a result of the company's role as Egit's investment manager. Both claims are denied.

Reports in the German press allege that the Treuhand suffered damages of DM100 million (£40 million) in the privatisation of HGS Haushaltgeraeteservice a household appliance company, and MBS Maerkische Baustoff-Service, a property and construction company. In May a task force from the Berlin-based Treuhand started scrutinising Egit's investment in HGS and another company, RFT radio-television.

Herr zu Ermgassen said the allegations were "wholly unfounded" but that "following the agreement of its co-shareholders, it [Egit] will offer to return MBS to the Treuhand against full reimbursment of the investment and that all negotiations with the Treuhand pertaining to the completion of the HGS investment will henceforth be discontinued and the company will request the refund of the down payment on the purchase price".

MBS, which employs 300 people, is said to have significant financial and structural problems, which Egit unwittingly inherited on privatisation.

Egit has also been accused of being financially over-stretched and unable to meet financial commitments made to the Treuhand in connection with the purchased companies. Egit has acquired more than 20 east German firms, principally in the property and construction sectors.

Herr zu Ermsgassen rebuffed the claims, saying they were "totally wrong".

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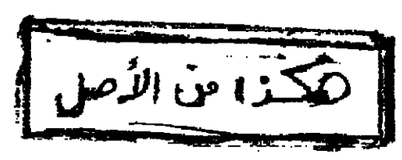
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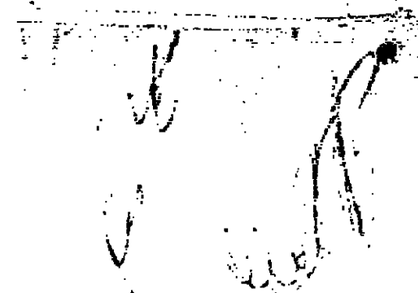
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Taylor Woodrow: **Colin Parsons and Tony Palmer**

The duo who pulled the tug-of-war team together

partners in power

Martin Waller meets the men who laid the foundations that got the company through recession

Building has always been one of the few industries that has been dominated by class. The rise of Colin Parsons and Tony Palmer to the top of Taylor Woodrow is a story about the changing British class system.

Taylor Woodrow is best known for the St Katharine-By-The-Tower marina development and for a red corporate logo featuring four men pulling on a rope. St Katharine is one of the most successful property developments in London since the last war, but it is arguable that an emphasis on property pulled the group off course by the late 1980s. At the same time, the tug-of-war team may have symbolised a spirit of co-operation further down the ranks, but the board members were pulling in different directions.

Tony Palmer was at the top while this was happening, as joint managing director from 1988 and chief executive two years later. Colin Parsons was in Canada, running the 60 per cent-owned Monarch offshoot.

The chairman since 1990 was Peter Drew, who had won his spurs by developing St Katharine. He had also pioneered a policy of investing further in property and diversifying into barely related areas such as leisure.

In March 1992, three weeks before the 1991 results were due, he resigned. Parsons had already received an out-of-the-blue call from Sir Kit McMahon, one of the increasingly-concerned non-executives.

An accountant by background, he had been offered the chairmanship before Drew, but opted to remain in Canada for family reasons. "They thought the chairman would be resigning soon and were looking for a new chairman ... It was a matter of all hands to the pump. I could see it was essential that the spot not be empty for too long," he says.

While Taylor Woodrow had been galloping off into new fields, core businesses such as contracting were falling into increasing disrepair. "Subsidiary company directors could make some very big commitments prior to the main board becoming involved, and that led to some very bad mistakes," says Parsons. The decision to go into the TML consortium to build the Channel Tunnel was made virtually at a subsidiary board level.

"I really wasn't looking for the move, but losses were mounting, the cash position was deteriorating and shareholders' confidence was eroding. A tremendous amount of work had to be done very quickly. The board felt they wanted to bring in somebody who wasn't so committed to the day-to-day allegiances that had been formed. They wanted a new look, not a complete revolution taking place."

Those allegiances had been built up by competing cliques fighting it out within a board that had become top-heavy. Parsons was the obvious choice to rationalise this mess. He cut the board by a third to 12. Meanwhile, there were more than 2,000 redundancies, the first in the company's 70-year history.

In appearance resembling nothing so much as a suburban bank manager, he is an ascetic figure who runs regularly and takes care of his diet. City observers describe him as a hard, dour bean-counter, but what the company needed.

Certainly he comes over as the colder of the two. He grew up in southwest Wales, but fled a country that he saw as "riddled with socialism and class dissent". He saw no headway for someone from a lower middle-class background but with qualifications and ambitions, stranded between the fire-breathing socialists and the autocratic, snobbish Tories. "There was a malaise in Britain at the time of Suez which affected many young men of my age," he remembers. He arrived in Canada with no job, found work as an accountant and, at 25, was at Monarch.

Palmer, the chief executive, was forced by family circumstances to leave school at 16 and came up through the ranks and the company training scheme, cycling from the building site to evening classes, and so qualifying as a builder and surveyor.

Now 55, Palmer is four years younger than the chairman and could expect one day to succeed. "I don't spend much time with the outside. I fix the inside," he says. While Parsons is accomplished at manipulating words, Palmer is noticeably unhappy with formal speeches but good with individuals and teams. "I was asked if I would be happy with Colin," he says of the events of 1992. "We're very different — I'm a contracting man at heart. Colin is housing and property. I couldn't have become chief executive at a more difficult time, and he couldn't have become chairman."

Palmer's office is cluttered with memorabilia from 40 years in the construction industry. His roots lie in the construction division that was in such a mess at the end of the 1980s. He says his room for manoeuvre then was limited by the daft board structure at the time, but the City thinks further progress up the slippery pole may be limited by his involvement in those times.

Palmer says the two men disagree all the time, but not on matters of importance. "Nobody's going to get to him without knowing he will talk to me," he adds. "I don't believe in democracy — I believe in benevolent dictatorship." Asked if this applies to business or politics, he replies: "Both."

The City has doubts whether the two are the best team to take the group into a further phase of growth, although admiring their skills at nursing an over-extended Taylor Woodrow through the recession. Palmer sums up the upheaval that put them in power: "We thought it would go on forever. Things don't happen like that."



STEPHEN MARKESON

Tony Palmer, left, says he disagrees with Colin Parsons all the time, but not on matters of importance

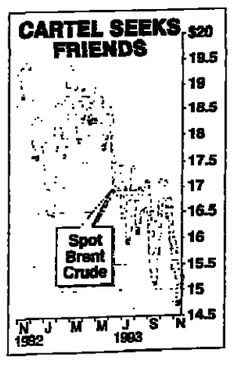


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Opec at limits of co-operation

OPEC deserves some sympathy. Its members worked hard to agree their 24.5 million barrel ceiling in September. At least two members, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, agreed to freeze their quotas, effectively agreeing a cut in market share, to push a deal through. Inevitably, the agreement has been breached, but not by much, with recent estimates of Opec output at 24.7 million barrels per day.

This week, however, Brent crude prices tumbled to their lowest for three years. The December contract hit $15.40 and cries of pain could be heard from Opec members such as Indonesia and Iran, heavily dependent on the dollar income. Prices have bounced back slightly on suggestions from the Iranians that output needs to be cut. The cartel would like the market to believe that quotas will be sliced at its November 23 meeting. But the bears are likely to hold sway. Russia is pumping its surplus oil capacity into a market where demand is weak, due to recession and high stocks. Demand from Japan, which normally maintains high stocks, is weakening and recovery in Europe is ever distant.



To achieve any real effect on oil prices, Saudi Arabia would have to cut production by 1 million barrels a day, an unlikely scenario given the state of the Kingdom's coffers. Seen in this context, Opec president Jean Ping's recent plea for non-Opec producers to cut production seems less entertaining and much more like desperation.

Unilever

DISAPPOINTMENT with Unilever after a wet summer is something of a stock market ritual. True to form, the shares were marked down after a slack summer quarter results from the world's largest ice cream maker. The dampening effect of the weather was this time compounded by recession, which kept northern Europeans away from Mediterranean resorts and slowed impulse sales of novelty ice creams. All this probably took £20 million off profits.

Shareholders should avoid selling the stock on the impulse of a wet bank holiday in August, however. Unilever should continue to prosper. The combine continues to raise its share of this market and its Magnum bars are proving good competition to Häagen-Dazs. In America, ice cream margins are weaker, but Unilever has strengthened its hand by buying the Kraft business selling volume ice cream to supermarkets.

Unilever is suffering from a nasty punch-up with Procter & Gamble in America, where the detergent market is changing fast amid heavy price-cutting. Procter & Gamble, comfortably the market leader, recently cut prices as Unilever launched its super-concentrate liquid on the market, forcing the latter to match the discount. But longer term, Unilever's brand strength in Europe should pay dividends. It deserves better than its average sector rating.

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Economic cheer puts bears on the run

SHARE prices spent a volatile session, bouncing back from an early mark-down with the help of a strong bond market and economic news on both sides of the Atlantic that was better than expected.

The bears gained the upper hand first thing, with the financial future again being sold lower. Gilts were still feeling the ill-effects of a large seller of the short-sterling contract late on Thursday.

But the bears soon found themselves on the run after the better than expected balance of payments.

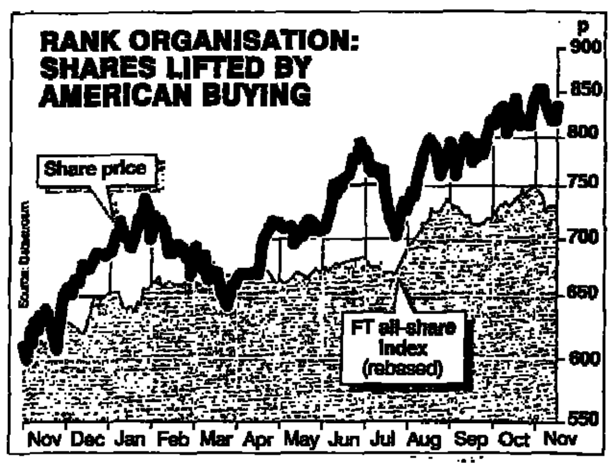
The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 25 points first thing, rallied strongly as investors continued sorting out their end-of-account positions. The rally gathered pace in late trading, bolstered by an opening 17.33 rise in the Dow Jones average on the back of the latest US retail sales. The FT-SE 100 index ended just 0.6 lower on the day at 3,099.1, a fall on the two-week period of 71.9. Turnover totalled 639 million shares.

STOCK MARKET

British Aerospace was a nervous market, falling 11p to 430p with still no news of a solution to the problems facing its joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace for building short-haul aircraft.

Reports overnight suggested the deal had collapsed, but BAe said nothing had changed. The deal is thought to be worth £200 million.

Roll-Royce again attracted the support of several large securities houses, adding 4p at 166p. **Rank Organisation** climbed 16p to 835p amid talk of renewed American buying of the shares. But those brokers that closely follow the shares said yesterday's recovery was due mainly to the thin trading conditions, which saw only 677,000 shares change hands. They said the price had now responded positively to a bout of bear closing.



Avesco continued to draw strength from this week's deal with IBM, adding 8p to 122p. Its new microchip is said to enhance video screens and will be on show at a computer trade fair in America next week. Analysts said if IBM decided to fit the chip to all its computers, it could add $50 million a year to Avesco's sales.

Third-quarter figures from **Unilever**, the Anglo-Dutch household products group, failed to live up to expectations, leaving the price nursing a loss of 17p at £10.86p. Pre-tax profits were up from £584 million to £613 million, with European results hit by the effects of poor weather on ice cream sales. Strong growth was reported in South East Asia and South America.

Sketchley slipped 3p to 105p after warning that results for the second half of the year were likely to be significantly less than the first six months. It blamed the seasonality of its SupaSnaps business, which it acquired from Dixons earlier this year, for the lack of progress. Pre-tax profits during the first half rose from £3.1 million to £3.6 million.

The drugs sector spent another nervous session after selling of pharmaceutical companies overnight on Wall Street. However, prices closed above their worst, helped by the firm start to trading in New York.

Glaxo finished 2p lighter at 654p, having touched 645p, while **Fisons** fell 4½p to 143½p and **SmithKline Beecham A** 3½p to 411p. **Zeneca** closed all-square at 754p after briefly touching 745p.

Pittencrieff, the oil and gas exploration group, rose 5p to 440p. It is in talks with PCI, its own American-owned mobile communications subsidiary, about a reconstruction. Pittencrieff floated-off 46 per cent of PCI earlier this year.

First time trading in **Delian Lloyd's Investment Trust**, which invests in selected Lloyd's of London syndicates, got off to a cautious start, opening at 102p compared with the original offer price of 100p. The price ended the day at 99p, a discount of 1p.

□ **Gilt-edged:** gilts recovered from early falls on the back of the industrial production figures and continued to trade better as investors covered short positions.

The December series of the Long Gilt climbed £¾ to £114 11/16 as 74,000 contracts were completed.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

Early headway for Dow

New York — Wall Street shares held their gains in early trading, continuing to benefit from a combination of economic data that was better than expected and a modest upward turn in the bond market. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 17.33 points to 3,679.76. Advancing issues led declining shares about ten to eight.

□ **Tokyo** — Shares ended higher, rebounding from the sharp declines of the past two weeks. The Nikkei average closed at 18,493.55, up 335.03 points. *(Reuter)*

	Nov 12 midday	Nov 11 close
AMP Inc	63½	63¾
AMR Corp	71	69¾
Abbott Labs	29	28¾
Aetna Life	60	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19	18¾
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	43¾
Albertson's	24¾	24¼
Alcan Alumnm	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	49	49
Allied Signal	73¾	72¾
Alum Co of Am	69¾	69¾
Amax	22¾	22¾
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	35¾	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	51¾	51
Amer El Power	35¾	35¾
Amer Express	31¼	30¾
Amer Genl Corp	28¾	28¾
Amer Home Pr	62¾	63¾
Amer Intl	86¾	86¾
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	57¾	56¾
Ameritech	81¾	81¾
Amoco	53¾	53¾
Anheuser-Busch	48¾	48¾
Apple Computer	31¼	31¾
Archer Daniels	22¾	22¾
Arkla	8¾	8
Armco	6	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	45¾	45¾
Asarco	19¾	19¾
Ashland Oil	34¾	34¾
Atl Richfield	111¾	110¾
Auto Data Pro	54¾	53¾
Avery Dennison	27¾	28
Avon Products	49¾	49¾
Baker Hughes	22¾	21¾
Baltim Gas & El	24¾	24
Banc One	36¾	36¾
BankAmerica	41¾	41¾
Bank of NY	54¾	54¾
Bankers Tr NY	75¾	75¾
Barnett Banks	39¾	39¾
Bausch & Lomb	52¾	52¾
Baxter Intl	24	23¾
Becton Dicknsn	37¾	37¾
Bell Atlantic	61¾	62¾
BellSouth	57	57¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	40¾	40¾
Boeing	36¾	35¾
Boise Cascade	22¾	21¾
Borden Inc	16	16
Bristol Myrs Sq	61	60¾
Browning Ferris	22¾	22¾
Burlington Nthn	55¾	54¾
CBS	289	285¾
CNA Financial	79¾	79
CPC Intl	47¾	47¾
CSX	84	84¾
Campbell Soup	41¾	41¾
Can Pacific	17¾	17¾
Cpd Cities ABC	617¾	620
Cpl Holdings	37¾	37¾
Carolina Pwr	28¾	28¾
Caterpillar	90¾	90¾
Central & SW	29¾	29¾
Champion Intl	31¾	30¾
Chase Manhat	32¾	32¾
Chemical Bk	38¾	38¾
Chevron Corp	90¾	90¾
Chrysler	54¾	54¾
Chubb Corp	79¾	79¾
Cigna Corp	65¾	65¾
Citicorp	36¾	36¾
Clorox	53¾	53¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	40¾	40
Colgate-Palmolive	56¾	56¾
Columbia Gas	25¾	25¾
Commonw Ed	28¾	28¾
Compaq Comp	67¾	68¾
Comp Ass Intl	41¾	42
Conagra	27¾	27
Cons Edison	31¾	31¾
Cons Nat Gas	47¾	47¾
Cons Rail	62¾	62¾
Cooper Inds	52¾	52¾
Corning Inc	27	27¾
Crown Cork	38¾	38¾
Dana Corp	57¾	57¾
Dayton Hudson	71¾	71¾
Deere	73	73¾
Delta Air Lines	60¾	59¾
Deluxe Corp	35¾	35¾
Detroit Edison	31	30¾
Digital Equip	38	36¾
Dillard Dept St	38¾	37¾
Disney (Walt)	39¾	40¾
Dominion Res	45	44¾
Donelley (RR)	28¾	28¾
Dover Corp	59¾	59
Dow Chemical	55	54¾
Dow Jones	35¾	35¾
Dresser	21¾	21
Duke Power	40¾	40
Dun & Brdstreet	66¾	66¾
Du Pont	46¾	46¾
Eastman Kodak	63¾	63¾
Eaton Corp	52¾	52¾

	Nov 12 midday	Nov 11 close
Emerson Elec	59¾	57¾
Engelhard Corp	25¾	25¾
Enron Corp	33¾	32
Enserch Corp	36¾	36¾
Ethyl Corp	16¾	17¾
Exxon	63¾	63¾
FMC Corp	46¾	45¾
FPL Group	37¾	37
Federal Express	67¾	67¾
Fed Nat Mtge	75¾	76
First Chicago	44¾	43¾
First Interstate	57¾	57¾
First Union Rlty	11¾	11¾
Fleet Finl Grp	31¾	30¾
Fluor Corp	41¾	40¾
Ford Motor	61¾	61
GTE Corp	37¾	37¾
Gannett	50¾	50¾
Gap Inc Del	40¾	39¾
Gen Dynamics	91¾	92¾
Gen Electric	94	93¾
Gen Mills	61¾	61¾
Gen Motors	51¾	50¾
Gen Reinsurance	110	110
Gen Signal	36	35¾
Genuine Parts	38¾	37¾
Georgia Pac	73	70¾
Gillette	60¾	60¾
Glaxo ADR	19¾	19
Goodrich (BF)	44¾	44
Goodyear Tire	42¾	42¾
Grace (W&R)	36¾	36¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	27¾	27¾
Great Wstn Fin	19¾	19¾
Halliburton	34	34¾
Harcourt General	39¾	39¾
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	37¾
Hercules	100¾	100
Hershey Foods	53¾	53¾
Hewlett Packard	78¾	78¾
Hilton Hotels	46	46
Home Depot	42¾	42¾
Homestake Mng	20¾	20¾
Honeywell	32¾	31¾
Household Intl	36	36¾
Houston Inds	46¾	45¾
Humana	15¾	15¾
ITT Corp	91¾	91¾
Illinois Tool	37¾	37¾
INCO	24¾	23¾
Ingersoll Rand	36¾	37¾
Inland Steel	34¾	34¾
Intel Corp	62¾	63¾
IBM	51¾	51¾
Intl Flav & Fr	109¾	108¾
Intl Paper	65¾	64¾
James River Va	19¾	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43¾	43¾
K Mart	23¾	23¾
Kellogg	58¾	58¾
Kerr-McGee	49¾	48¾
Kimberly-Clark	52¾	50¾
Knight-Ridder	54¾	54¾
Lilly (Eli)	57¾	57¾
Limited Inc	22¾	22¾
LIN Brdcstng	113¾	113¾
Lincoln Nat	42¾	42¾
Litton	69¾	69¾
Liz Claiborne	20¾	19¾
Lockheed Corp	71¾	70¾
Louisiana Pac	40¾	39¾
MCI Commun	26¾	26¾
Marriott Int	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLen	83	81¾
Masco Corp	34¾	34¾
May Dept St	44¾	45¾
Maytag Corp	16¾	15¾
McCaw Cellular	53¾	53¾
McDonalds	55¾	55¾
McDonnell D	106¾	104¾
McGraw Hill	69	69¾
Mead Corp	42¾	41¾
Medtronic	72¾	72¾
Mellon Bk	53¾	53
Melville Corp	41¾	41¾
Merck Inc	32¾	32¾
Merrill Lynch	91¾	91¾
Minnesota Mine	105¾	106¾
Mobil Corp	78	77¾
Monsanto	71¾	71¾
Morgan (JP)	70	70
Motorola Inc	105¾	104
Natl Medical	11¾	11¾
Natl Semi	17¾	17¾
Natl Service Ind	24	23¾
Navistar Int	26¾	26
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	23¾	23
Newmont Mng	56¾	56
Niag Mohawk	19¾	19¾
Nike B	50¾	51¾
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	35¾	35¾
Norfolk Sthn	67¾	66
Nthn State Pwr	41¾	41¾
Norwest Corp	23¾	23¾
Nynex Corp	42¾	43
Occidental Pet	18	18¾
Ohio Edison	21¾	22
Oracle Systems	31¾	32

	Nov 12 midday	Nov 11 close
Oryx Energy Co	22¾	22¾
Owens Corning	47¾	46¾
PNC Financial	28¾	28¾
PPG Industries	70¾	70¾
Paccar Inc	69¾	69¾
Pacificorp	19¾	19¾
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elec	34¾	34
Pac Telesis	55	55¾
Pall Corp	20¾	20¾
Panhandle East	21¾	21¾
Paramnt Comm	83¾	81¾
Parker Hannifin	36¾	36¾
Penney (JC)	51¾	51¾
Pennzoil	57¾	56¾
Pepsico	39¾	39¾
Pfizer	65	64
Phelps Dodge	45	44¾
Philadel Elec	22¾	22¾
Philip Morris	58¾	58¾
Phillips Pet	31	30¾
Pitney Bowes	41¾	41¾
Polaroid	34¾	35
PriceCostco	19	18¾
Primerica	41¾	42¾
Procter & Gmbl	55¾	55¾
Pub Serv E & G	32	31¾
Quaker Oats	71¾	70¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	38¾	38¾
Raytheon	61¾	61¾
Reebok Intl	31¾	31¾
Reynolds Metals	45¾	44¾
Roadway Srvs	66¾	64¾
Rockwell Intl	34¾	34¾
Rohm & Haas	53¾	53¾
Royal Dutch	103¾	102¾
Rubbermaid	34¾	34¾
Safeco Corp	58¾	58¾
St Paul's Cos	88¾	88¾
Salomon Inc	44¾	45¾
Santa Fe Pac	20	19¾
Sara Lee Corp	27¾	27¾
Seacorp	20¾	20¾
Schering Plough	68¾	68¾
Schlumberger	61¾	61
Scott Paper	37	36¾
Seagram	27¾	27¾
Sears Roebuck	57¾	56¾
Shell Trans	61¾	61¾
Sherwin Wlms	35¾	35¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	42¾	42¾
Sthwestern Bell	40¾	41¾
Sprint Corp	33¾	34¾
Stanley Works	40¾	40¾
Sun Company	31¾	31¾
Suntrust	43¾	43¾
Supervalu	33¾	34
Syntex Corp	17¾	17¾
Sysco Corp	28	28¾
TRW Inc	65¾	65¾
Tandem Comp	11¾	11¾
Tandy Corp	46¾	46¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3
Teledyne	26¾	26¾
Temple Inland	49¾	45¾
Tenneco	50	48¾
Texaco	65¾	65¾
Texas Inst	64¾	64¾
Texas Utilities	43¾	43¾
Textron	56¾	56
Time Warner	44	44¾
Times-Mirror	32¾	32¾
Timken	31¾	31¾
Torchmark	42¾	42¾
Toys R Us	41¾	40¾
Transamerica	55¾	55¾
Travelers Corp	32¾	33¾
Tribune	54¾	55¾
Tyco Labs	49	48¾
UAL Corp	149¾	149¾
UST Inc	27¾	28
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unilever NV	110¾	111¾
Union Camp	46¾	45
Union Carbide	20¾	20¾
Union Pacific	63¾	62¾
Unisys Corp	11¾	11¾
USAIR Group	14	14¾
USF&G Corp	13¾	13¾
US Life	40¾	39¾
US West	46¾	47¾
United Tech	64¾	64¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	32	31¾
VF Corp	41¾	40¾
WMX Tech	24¾	24¾
Wal-Mart Stores	28¾	29
Warner-Lambert	69	68
Wells Fargo	114	112¾
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	44¾	43¾
Whirlpool	62¾	61¾
Whitman	16¾	16¾
Winn Dixie	54¾	54¾
Woolworth	21¾	21¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42¾	43¾
Xerox	80¾	79¾

MARKET AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4777 (-0.0013)
German mark	2.5074 (+0.0101)
Exchange index	80.7 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3099.1 (-0.6)
Dow Jones	3679.76 (+17.33)*
Nikkei Avg	18493.55 (+335.03)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5 11/16-5⅝%
US Federal Funds	3%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.12-3.11%*
Long Bond	6.19%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4830*	£:$	1.4796
$:DM	1.6915*	£:DM	2.5107
$:SWfr	1.4971*	£:SWfr	2.2126
$:Ffr	5.8880*	£:Ffr	8.7160
$:Yen	106.17*	£:Yen	156.98
£:SDR	1.0572	£:ECU	1.3095

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):

AM 376.75	PM 376.75
Close	375.20-375.70

New York:

Comex	375.65-376.15*

OIL

Brent Crude $15.35 per bbl (Dec)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.9 Sept (1.8%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	162	-1
Abtrust Emrg Economics	91	...
-do- Warrants	51	+½
Allders (170)	181	-1
BSM (170)	162	-1
BZW Endwmnt Fd (100)	52	-1
Cantab Pharmas (460)	435	-8
CentreGold (125)	150	...
Charles Sidney (110)	103	...
Cleveland Trust (100)	110	...
Coal Invs	14½	...
Crest Packaging	136	...
Delian Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	99	...
Fleming Chinese Inv (100)	98½	+1½
Fleming Chinese Wts	55	...
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	55	...
Gartmore Shared Eqy Tst	103	...
Gartmore Shared 0 Pf	102¼	...
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	100	+1
HTR Japanese Smlr (100)	92	+½
HTR Japanese Wts	48	...
Hiscox Select Ins Fd (100)	109	...
London Fin & Inv Wts	14	...
Parkdean Leisure (120)	135	...
Rothmans Intl Units	418	-2
Roxboro (230)	245	-3
Scotia (290)	300	-1
Smlr Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Towry Law (190)	193	-2
Vendome Luxury Uts	314	-3
Virtuality Grp (170)	255	...
Wiggins Group	3¼	-¼

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ashtead n/p (280)	42	...
Blick n/p (370)	35	-5
Comac n/p (85)	6	+1
Elliott (B) n/p (63)	4	-2
Eng & O/seas Prop n/p (35)	1½	+¼
Ferromet n/p (¼)	1	...
IMC Inds n/p (3¼)	½	...
Siebe n/p (485)	70	-4
Takare n/p (195)	8	...
Wentworth n/p (2½)	¼	...
Wescol n/p (15)	3	...
Wilson Bowden n/p (375)	41	+1
Wyevale Garden n/p (152)	23	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:			
Matthew Clark	531p (+11p)	Br Aerospace	430p (-11p)
Courtaulds	484p (+16p)	SG Warburg	833p (-15p)
Takeda Chem	833p (+20p)	Hays	247p (-11p)
A Kershaw	640p (+20p)	Liberty	565p (-10p)
Rank Org	835p (+16p)	Commercial Union	602p (-11p)
FALLS:		Security Serv	729p (-11p)
Shell	690p (-14p)	Man Utd	550p (-12p)
Burmah Castrol	738p (-12p)		

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Focus on Supasnaps as Sketchley edges up

By Sarah Bagnall

ALL is not spick and span at Sketchley, the dry cleaning company that snapped up Supasnaps for £4.5 million earlier this year. Pre-tax profits for the six months to October 1 rose to £3.6 million from £3.1 million, purely as a result of a first-time contribution by Supasnaps.

Shareholders were warned that second-half profits would fail to match up to the first half. David Davies, the chairman, said: "Profits for the second six months are likely to be significantly less than for the first six months, owing to the marked seasonality in the Supasnaps business." But he said the integration of Supasnaps and the dry cleaning business should have a positive effect on future profitability. The shares fell 3p to 105p.

The photographic company made £2 million operating profits, without which Sketchley would have shown a fall in operating profits from £3.7 million to £2.4 million. Turnover advanced from £53.7 million to £75.6 million, boosted by Supasnaps's contribution of £24.1 million. Stripping out the benefit, turnover fell £2 million to £51.6 million. The interim dividend is held at 1p.

Mr Davies said: "Signs of improvement in the UK economy have been no better than tentative. The dry cleaning division continues to suffer from both sluggish consumer demand and fierce competitive activity, especially in the South East." Aggressive promotional campaigns reversed the sharp decline in sales last time and resulted in an improvement in net sales per branch over the second half. As a result, the division returned to the black after incurring a loss in the second half of last year.



Richardson: joint outlets

Margins at the textile rental division were squeezed as prices came under pressure in the fight for volume. The company's dependence on the British Coal contract has been reduced but the "accelerating contraction of the coal industry and the decline in the number of miners had a negative impact on overall divisional profits in the first half," said Mr Davies.

The company has moved Supasnaps into 20 Sketchley stores. John Richardson, joint deputy chairman, said the number would rise to a minimum of 150 over the next year.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	437.50	452.40	-3.80	...
Series Equity	532.60	561.70	-10.80	...
Series Prop Fd	420.90	445.40	+0.30	...
Series Fixed Int	329.00	348.20	-0.80	...
Series Money Fd	243.00	257.20	+0.10	...
Series Overs Fd	344.60	364.70	+3.00	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.45	18.37	+0.01	...
Bear	19.18	20.19	-0.19	...
Owl	19.15	20.16	-0.30	...
Bull	17.49	18.42	-0.22	...
Stag	18.56	19.54	-0.25	...
Gilt Edged	18.95	18.95	-0.03	...
Deposit	15.36	15.36	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.34	24.57	+0.02	...
Bear	25.77	27.13	-0.29	...
Owl	25.65	27.01	-0.46	...
Bull	22.25	23.43	-0.32	...
Stag	22.95	24.16	-0.38	...
Gilt Edged	23.36	23.36	-0.04	...
Deposit	19.55	19.55	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	567.04	567.05	-6.43	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	334.92	352.55	-4.73	...
N Amer Equity	294.10	309.58	+0.33	...
Far East Equity	419.91	442.02	-5.47	...
Fixed	296.94	312.57	-0.54	...
Cash Deposit	197.94	208.36	+0.11	...
Property	139.45	143.79	-5.78	...
Special Opp	352.83	371.41	-7.04	...
Managed	298.48	314.19	-3.80	...
Index-Linked Fd	194.52	204.76	-0.98	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	254.30	267.70	...	...
-do- Acc	464.60	489.10	...	...
Equity Fd Inc	164.00	172.70	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	212.90	224.20	-3.30	...
Selective Fd	470.00	494.80	-2.80	...
Money Fd	363.80	383.00	+0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	361.90	381.00	...	...
Equity Ser 4	205.90	216.80	-2.60	...
Man Ser 4	644.40	678.40	-3.30	...
Conv Ser 4	318.20	335.00	-0.20	...
Money Ser 4	317.90	334.70	-0.20	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	347.30	365.60	+0.70	...
American Ser 4	506.20	532.90	+11.30	...
High Inc Ser 4	630.00	663.20	-11.50	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	213.00	224.30	-0.70	...
Japan Ser 4	360.30	379.30	+3.70	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1477.4	1555.1	-25.80	...
European Fd Acc	342.70	360.70	-0.60	...
Fixed Int Acc	534.50	562.50	-0.70	...
Gtd Money Acc	323.10	340.00	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	575.40	605.60	+0.50	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	327.70	344.90	+0.50	...
Japan Fund	294.90	310.40	-4.80	...
N American Acc	322.60	339.50	+6.50	...
Prop Fd Acc	392.70	413.30	+1.30	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1014.2	1067.0	-6.50	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	359.70	378.70	+0.20	...
Equity Acc	1348.4	1419.4	-2.50	...
Property Acc	492.30	518.30	+0.50	...
Far East Acc	320.10	337.00	+8.40	...
Managed Capital	523.30	550.90	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	1041.1	1095.9	-1.00	...
Overseas Acc	890.80	937.70	-7.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	474.70	499.70	+2.70	...
Amer Equity Acc	746.20	785.50	+9.60	...
Amer Man Acc	318.70	335.50	+4.00	...
Amer Prop Acc	116.60	122.80	+0.40	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	143.90	151.40	+0.30	...
Balced Ser 5	665.10	700.10	...	...
Opportunity Ser 5	153.00	161.00	...	...
Distribution Ser 5	103.00	108.40	-0.30	...
UK Equities Ser 5	902.50	949.90	-5.40	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	968.50	1019.4	-8.60	...
North Amer Ser 5	447.70	471.20	+10.80	...
Far East Ser 5	566.70	596.60	+17.10	...
Europe Ser 5	337.20	354.90	-2.50	...
Intnl Ser 5	545.80	574.30	+7.80	...
Property Ser 5	473.70	498.60	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	414.50	436.30	-1.40	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	183.90	193.50	-0.30	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	286.90	301.90	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	793.20	835.00	-7.30	...
-do- Initial	544.30	573.00	-5.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	390.50	411.10	-1.00	...
-do- Initial	270.30	284.60	-0.70	...
International Acc	391.50	412.20	-2.80	...
-do- Initial	269.30	283.50	-1.90	...
Managed Acc	499.20	525.50	-1.30	...
-do- Initial	344.40	362.60	-1.00	...
Money Acc	281.40	296.30	+0.20	...
Property Acc	256.10	269.60	+0.20	...
-do- Initial	175.20	184.50	+0.10	...
America Acc	282.70	297.60	+5.00	...
Australia Acc	203.90	214.30	-4.00	...
Financial Acc	313.40	329.90	-3.30	...
500 Account	418.60	440.90	-5.10	...
Japan Genl Acc	359.90	378.90	+4.70	...
Income Acc	493.60	519.60	-7.10	...
Leisure Acc	203.30	214.00	-2.10	...
Special Sits Acc	218.70	230.30	-2.30	...
Univ Tech Acc	148.20	156.10	+1.20	...

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BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	772.71	772.71	-5.62	...
Income Fund	729.12	767.50	-14.12	...
Extra Income	665.72	700.76	-12.37	...
Worldwide Gth	491.83	517.72	-1.06	...
Balanced Fund	629.46	662.59	-11.59	...
Smllr Cos Recov	630.56	663.75	-11.99	...
N Amer & Genrl	377.41	397.28	-0.74	...
Pacific Basin	455.00	478.95	+6.17	...
German Growth	229.61	241.70	-3.40	...
Japan Growth	174.85	184.06	-4.11	...
The UK Gth Fd	197.32	207.71	-3.53	...
Contl Euro Gth	121.37	127.76	-2.20	...
Property Fund	364.23	383.40	+0.34	...
Fixed Interest	315.07	331.66	-0.66	...
Cash Fund	274.16	288.59	+0.17	...
Managed Inv	469.54	494.26	-3.72	...
Nth Amer Recov	257.61	271.17	+0.49	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	473.78	498.72	-2.53	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	157.40	166.50	-0.40	...
Performance Plus	157.80	166.90	-0.90	...
With Profit Perf	164.80	174.30	+0.20	...
UK Opportunity	169.50	179.30	-1.70	...
Euro Opportunity	201.20	212.90	-2.60	...
North Amer Opp	159.10	168.30	+1.80	...
Far East Opp	195.50	206.80	+7.30	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	139.10	146.40	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	164.00	173.50	-0.10	...
Fixed Int	189.80	200.80	-0.20	...
Cash	151.50	160.30	+0.10	...
Overseas	181.70	192.20	-1.00	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	314.90	331.50	-2.50	...
Property	211.50	222.70	-2.00	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	244.00	256.90	-0.30	...
Equity	344.20	362.30	-4.80	...
Cash	211.20	222.40	+0.20	...
CLife Euro Mgd	345.20	363.40	-5.30	...
CLife Intl Fd	356.00	374.80	-1.60	...
For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	178.60	188.00	...	...
Managed Fund	587.40	618.40	-6.30	...
Equity Fund	334.00	351.60	-4.40	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	275.00	289.50	+0.30	...
Ruby	158.50	166.90	+1.00	...
Emerald	144.00	151.60	...	...
Equity	309.30	325.60	-2.80	...
Property	193.70	203.90	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	211.20	222.40	+0.90	...
Indexed Secs	170.30	179.30	-0.60	...
Cash	181.00	190.60	+0.20	...
Nth American	209.40	220.50	+3.90	...
Far East	318.60	335.40	+15.20	...
International	224.70	236.20	+2.80	...
Special Sits	295.40	311.00	-2.00	...
Intl Income	279.80	294.60	-2.70	...
American Inc	186.90	196.80	+0.80	...
European	287.20	302.40	-0.80	...
Japanese	139.80	147.20	+2.00	...
SE Asia	360.50	379.50	+17.00	...
With Profits Reg	152.60	160.70	+0.30	...
-do- Spec	152.60	160.70	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	304.40	320.50	-0.30	...
Equity	351.60	370.20	-2.40	...
Property	180.10	189.60	+0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	258.80	272.50	+1.80	...
Index Linked	181.30	190.90	-0.30	...
Cash	238.70	251.30	+0.30	...
Nth American	261.90	275.70	+3.90	...
Far East Acc	317.60	334.40	+6.10	...
International Acc	288.90	304.20	+2.40	...
Special Sits	441.90	465.20	-3.70	...
European Flex	400.60	421.70	-4.60	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units)Key	218.65	...	-2.85	...
-do- Pacemaker	2303.82	...	-4.39	...
-do- Cash	198.09	208.48	+0.11	...
-do- Equity	508.56	535.33	-14.76	...
-do- Fxd Int	369.16	388.59	-0.40	...
-do- Managed	370.13	389.61	-8.60	...
-do- Property	335.06	352.69	-5.45	...
(Pens: Cash Cap	206.70	217.59	+0.06	...
-do- Cash Inv	291.52	306.87	-0.28	...
-do- Equity Cap	1375.7	1448.1	-26.26	...
-do- Equity Inv	1940.2	2042.3	-35.64	...
-do- Fixed Cap	405.90	427.27	-0.65	...
-do- Fixed Inv	572.46	602.60	-0.51	...
-do- Index Cap	212.73	223.93	-1.91	...
-do- Index Inv	300.03	315.81	-2.48	...
Mngd Cap	554.45	583.62	-9.03	...
Mngd Inv	781.94	823.11	-12.17	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1863.99	...	-10.35	...
Var Ann (5)	389.36	...	-1.66	...
Prime: Managed	389.50	410.00	+0.90	...
Prime: UK Equity	459.30	483.50	-2.60	...
Prime: Int Equity	307.80	324.00	+6.20	...
Prime: Property	203.40	214.20	+0.60	...
Prime Fxd Int	246.50	259.50	+0.40	...
Prime Index-Lnk	177.30	186.70	-0.60	...
Prime: Cash	198.50	209.00		
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1105.2	1163.3	-6.50	...
Equity Fund	1501.7	1604.9	-12.80	...

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CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	571.50	601.50	-1.90	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	369.50	388.90	-0.30	...
Life Equity Acc	778.70	819.60	-5.50	...
Life Money Acc	291.50	306.80	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	768.00	808.40	+1.00	...
Life Intl Acc	499.30	525.50	+2.20	...
Life High Inc Acc	753.90	793.50	-13.00	...
Life Property Acc	231.80	244.00	+0.40	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1138.3	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	688.10	724.30	-3.30	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30		
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	169.50	178.50	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	234.50	246.90	-1.10	...
-do- Series 2	151.30	159.30	-0.60	...
Adventurous Fd	209.00	220.00	+3.40	...
-do- Series 2	157.30	166.10	-2.70	...
Performance Fd	246.60	259.60	+2.30	...
-do- Series 2	160.30	168.80	+1.50	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	145.40	153.10	-0.10	...
UK Equity Fund	149.10	157.00	-2.50	...
Property Fund	105.90	111.50	+0.30	...
Envrnmntl Opps	147.50	155.30	-2.10	...
Euro Fund	164.30	173.00	-3.00	...
North Amer Fd	195.80	206.20	+4.50	...
Oriental Ops	219.30	230.90	+8.70	...
Japanese Fund	126.30	133.00	+1.00	...
Bd & West Life	117.70	123.90	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	129.50	136.40	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	254.20	263.40	-4.50	3.48
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	292.30	307.70	-1.00	...
UK Equity	386.50	406.90	-3.60	...
Stewardship	331.70	349.20	-5.00	...
Overseas Equity	268.50	282.70	-2.00	...
North American	146.70	154.50	+1.40	...
Pacific Basin	159.50	167.90	+4.10	...
European	190.00	200.00	-0.70	...
Property	188.50	198.50	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	233.60	245.90	...	...
Index Linked	167.80	176.70	-1.80	...
Cash	193.60	203.80	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	354.90	373.60	+1.40	...
GT Plan Wwide	510.70	537.60	-4.40	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	198.40	208.70	...	...
Unitised Profit	126.10	132.70	+0.20	...
UK Equity	263.60	277.30	-1.30	...
Fixed Int	198.60	208.90	-1.50	...
Index-Linked	169.90	178.80	-0.60	...
Cash Deposit	169.20	178.00	-0.10	...
Property	166.80	175.50	+0.20	...
International	179.60	189.00	+0.60	...
American	158.30	166.60	+0.60	...
Japan	248.30	261.30	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	254.70	268.00	+0.60	...
European	170.40	179.30	-0.80	...
Pacific Fund	282.20	297.00	+11.60	...
Conv Life	133.10	140.00	-1.70	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	695.10	695.10	-0.80	...
-do- Inv A	695.00	731.60	-0.90	...
UK Equity	385.80	406.20	-5.80	...
Gilt Plus	211.90	223.20	+0.10	...
Managed	304.70	320.80	-0.30	...
Inter Man	275.90	290.50	-1.60	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	682.80	711.20	...	...
Managed Initial	453.80	477.80	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	631.90	665.30	+0.60	...
Equity Initial	646.30	680.30	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	899.80	947.20	+0.80	...
Fixed Int Initial	451.00	474.70	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	627.90	660.90	+4.40	...
Intl Initial	484.60	489.00	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	646.80	680.90	+2.20	...
Nth Amer Initial	185.90	195.60	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	235.50	247.90	+3.40	...
Pacific Initial	252.70	266.00	+5.70	...
-do- Acc	317.20	333.90	+7.30	...
Property Initial	156.60	164.80	...	...
-do- Acc	217.80	229.30	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	166.40	175.20	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	210.90	222.00	-0.30	...
Deposit Initial	194.80	205.00	...	...
-do- Acc	271.20	285.50	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	94.20	99.10	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	110.30	116.10	-1.20	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 280930				
Managed	158.70	167.00	-1.60	...
-do- Pens	191.50	201.60	-2.50	...
UK Equity	155.80	164.00	-2.80	...
-do- Pens	174.30	183.40	-4.00	...
International	148.90	156.70	-0.90	...
-do- Pens	159.60	167.90	-1.10	...
Deposit	136.00	143.10	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	159.00	167.30	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	359.90	382.90	-12.00	...
North America	352.80	375.40	+6.50	...
Far East Fund	648.10	689.50	+17.90	...
Global Managed	463.30	492.80	-0.60	...
Deposit Fund	222.30	234.10	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	126.00	132.70	...	...

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European Fund	245.90	261.70	-2.10	...
Fixed Interest	70.30	74.00	-2.50	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	485.50	513.80	-5.60	...
British Fund	494.20	523.00	-2.40	...
International	500.30	529.50	+1.30	...
Dollar Fund	369.40	390.90	-5.50	...
Capital Fund	445.20	471.20	-2.10	...
Income Fund	671.30	710.40	-6.90	...
Property Series A	408.10	431.90	+1.70	5.60
Property Units	659.30	692.30	-0.70	...
Financial Fund	556.80	589.30	-8.50	...
Managed Ser A	519.10	549.40	-1.40	...
Managed Units	928.70	977.60	-2.70	...
High Yield Fund	650.30	688.20	-8.70	...
Money Series A	278.50	294.80	+0.30	...
Money Units	367.70	387.10	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	585.80	619.90	-2.70	...
Fixed Interest	384.80	407.20	+3.60	...
Indexed Secs	187.90	198.90	-0.40	...
European Fund	687.90	728.00	-1.60	...
Natural Res	273.80	289.80	+0.40	...
Far East Fund	628.70	665.30	+6.30	...
Smaller Cos	454.50	481.00	-7.00	...
Special Sits	418.90	443.30	-5.10	...
Man Currency	254.80	269.70	-0.90	...
Japanese Tech	251.70	266.40	+1.30	...
US Smaller Cos	232.20	245.80	+3.00	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	536.80	565.00	-3.90	...
Global Property	263.40	277.30	...	...
Global Fixed Int	516.90	544.10	-0.90	...
Global Equity	567.60	597.50	-5.70	...
Global Cash	206.30	217.20	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	490.30	516.10	-0.80	...
Property	440.10	463.20	+0.60	...
Managed	402.00	423.10	-1.80	...
American	401.60	422.70	+8.60	...
UK Equity Fd	428.50	451.00	-4.60	...
Japan	214.40	225.60	+1.70	...
Index-Lkd	185.70	195.40	-1.50	...
High Yield	816.40	859.30	-7.30	...
Growth Cap	443.30	466.60	-0.90	...
Money	389.70	410.20	+0.10	...
International	383.80	403.90	+2.10	...
Henderson Active	215.00	226.30	-1.90	...
Perpetual Active	322.30	339.20	-0.90	...
Growth Cap	443.30	466.60	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	628.30	661.30	-2.60	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.00	142.20	...	...
-do- Acc	180.20	189.70	-0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	136.20	143.40	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	163.60	172.30	-0.80	...
Cash Initial	167.00	175.80	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	278.30	293.00	+0.20	...
Equity Initial	631.00	664.30	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	1051.4	1106.8	-0.80	...
Fixed Initial	363.90	383.10	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	606.30	638.30	+0.50	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	140.90	148.40	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	200.30	210.90	-0.90	...
Intl Initial	349.20	367.60	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	572.90	603.10	+3.90	...
Managed Initial	472.30	497.20	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	786.90	828.40	-2.60	...
Property Initial	200.60	211.20	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	334.30	351.90	-0.40	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 3000				
Managed Fund	342.40	360.50	-0.70	...
UK Equity	556.60	585.90	-6.70	...
Property	282.60	297.50	+1.10	...
Money Market	244.60	257.50	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	324.60	341.70	+2.30	...
Japan	407.40	428.90	+4.10	...
North America	159.50	167.90	+3.40	...
International	299.40	315.20	+4.00	...
European	261.30	275.10	-3.20	...
Far East	139.90	147.30	+3.40	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£118.97	...	-2.99	...
Property Units	£26.44	...	-0.01	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£65.11	£68.54	-0.24	...
2nd Equity Acc	608.00	640.00	-8.50	...
2nd High Inc Ac	588.10	619.00	-10.70	...
2nd Property Acc	241.80	254.60	-0.20	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	184.40	194.10	-0.20	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	464.10	488.60	-0.20	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	227.30	239.30	+0.90	...
2nd Deposit Acc	272.10	286.40	...	...
2nd Gilt Acc	310.30	326.70	-0.80	...
2nd Amer Acc	695.50	732.10	+24.70	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	260.00	273.70	+0.70	...
2nd Index Acc	205.40	216.20	-2.90	...
2nd Far East Acc	457.40	481.50	+9.30	...
2nd Global Acc	178.60	188.00	+3.50	...
2nd Euro Acc	153.90	162.00	-1.00	...
2nd Japan Acc	208.20	219.20	-0.10	...
2nd Heritage Acc	71.80	75.50	-0.10	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	162.90	171.40	+0.90	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	121.60	128.00	-1.00	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£866.80	...	-5.40	...
Fixed Interest	£414.40	...	-0.70	...
Property	£353.50	...	+0.40	...
Deposit	£282.00	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£569.90	...	-1.90	...
Indexed Stock	£216.20	...	-2.00	...
International	£283.60	...	+0.50	...
Equity A	£201.50	...	-1.20	...
Fixed Int A	£184.20	...	-0.30	...
Property A	£155.70	...	-0.20	...

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Deposit A	£166.00	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£187.60	...	-0.70	...
Index Stock A	£169.90	...	-1.20	...
International A	£177.50	...	+0.30	...
Equity P	£715.40	...	-5.40	...
Fixed Int P	£537.80	...	-0.70	...
Property P	£284.80	...	+0.60	...
Deposit P	£328.40	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£524.20	...	-2.50	...
Index Stock P	£245.90	...	-2.20	...
International P	£329.10	...	+0.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£602.50	...	-7.20	...
-do- Acc	£961.40	...	-10.80	...
Property Cap	£152.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£234.80	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£210.70	...	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	£326.10	...	-0.50	...
Equity Cap	£316.90	...	-5.20	...
-do- Acc	£496.70	...	-7.70	...
Internatl Cap	£239.40	...	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	£371.50	...	-2.80	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£168.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£258.50	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£348.10	...	-4.30	...
-do- Acc	£543.90	...	-6.30	...
Moneymaker Fd	£427.80	...	-4.70	...
Capital Growth	£1593.5	...	-22.40	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	405.90	426.30	+5.40	...
Amer Rec Bond	482.10	506.30	+7.50	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	243.60	255.80	+1.70	...
Australasia Bd	223.30	234.60	-2.90	...
Commodity Bond	266.60	280.00	-2.10	...
Deposit Bond Acc	350.40	368.00	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1374.8	1443.6	-18.50	...
European Bd Acc	341.50	358.90	-2.40	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	682.80	717.00	-15.50	...
Far East Bd Acc	327.20	343.70	-14.50	...
Gilt Bond Acc	457.50	480.50	-0.80	...
Gold Bond Acc	162.20	170.40	+5.00	...
High Yield Bond	338.10	355.10	-1.20	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	216.30	227.20	-2.50	...
International Bd	737.30	774.30	+7.40	...
Japan Bond Acc	274.40	288.30	+5.30	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	255.50	268.30	+0.80	...
Managed Bonds	843.90	886.20	-9.30	...
Prop Bond Acc	348.10	365.60	+0.20	...
Ret Bond Acc	691.50	726.20	-12.90	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	221.10	232.80	-2.10	...
UK Equity Acc	300.50	316.40	-2.60	...
Special Sits	90.80	95.60	-0.30	...
Special Sits Acc	123.40	129.90	-0.50	...
North American	184.90	194.70	+3.30	...
N American Acc	251.40	264.70	+4.70	...
Pacific Basin	387.30	407.70	+8.40	...
Pacific Basin Acc	526.40	554.20	+11.70	...
Fixed Interest	303.10	319.10	+0.90	...
Fixed Interest Acc	412.50	434.30	+1.50	...
Property	154.90	163.10	+0.10	...
Property Acc	210.80	221.90	+0.20	...
Deposit	152.00	160.00	...	...
Deposit Acc	207.20	218.20	+0.20	...
Managed	256.70	270.30	-0.80	...
Managed Acc	321.60	338.60	-0.80	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	682.10	718.00	-10.00	...
Property Fund	482.00	507.40	+1.20	...
Equity Fund	846.50	891.10	-24.80	...
Gilt Edged Fd	622.10	654.80	-0.60	...
Deposit Fund	319.70	336.50	+0.40	...
Investment Fd	359.20	377.20	-10.30	...
International	556.50	585.80	-2.40	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	420.10	442.20	-0.10	...
UK Equity	329.80	347.10	-4.70	...
Gilt Edged	585.40	616.20	-1.40	...
Interest Fund	368.10	387.40	-0.30	...
UK Fund	470.90	495.60	-5.80	...
Intl Equity	594.10	625.30	+7.80	...
Intl Managed	551.30	580.30	+0.50	...
North American	211.30	222.40	+3.30	...
Far East	463.50	487.80	+3.70	...
Intl Currency	267.10	281.10	+0.80	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	140.40	147.70	-1.40	...
Fixed Interest	540.00	568.40	-6.40	...
Managed	674.10	709.50	-5.20	...
Deposit	329.10	346.40	+0.10	...
Property	393.90	414.60	+0.40	...
American	415.80	437.60	+7.20	...
Australian	497.90	524.10	-20.40	...
European	500.40	526.70	+5.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	261.80	275.50	+0.40	...
Global Managed	135.60	142.70	-0.90	...
Income Acc	747.30	786.60	-8.10	...
-do- Dist	477.20	502.40	-6.90	4.75
International	316.40	333.00	+2.60	...
Japan Smaller	503.00	529.40	-18.20	...
Singapore & Mal	358.60	377.40	+2.90	...
Smaller Cos	380.40	400.40	-5.10	...
Tokyo Fund	671.70	707.00	+3.40	...
UK Equity	576.00	606.30	+1.60	...
CCM Vargd Mg	713.20	750.70	-6.90	...
Equity Pens Cap	959.90	1010.4	-11.20	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	458.20	482.30	-0.20	...
UK Equity	565.10	594.80	-4.50	...
Overseas Equity	459.90	484.10	+3.50	...
Americas	413.00	434.70	+7.70	...
Far East	535.80	563.90	-15.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property	198.20	208.60	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	367.10	386.40	+1.10	...
Indexed Gilt	234.90	247.20	-1.40	...
Deposit	209.20	220.20	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1330.5	1400.5	-3.20	...
Eqty Fund	2856.9	3007.3	-32.20	...
Property Fd	466.60	491.20	-1.40	...
Fixed Int Fd	600.20	631.80	+3.40	...
Deposit Fund	335.30	352.90	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	233.10	245.40	+2.80	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	147.10	154.90	+0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	296.40	312.00	+0.40	...
Inv Equity	1152.0	1212.7	-17.70	...
Inv Managed	811.10	853.80	-7.50	...
Ret Managed	895.60	942.80	-9.20	...
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	278.00	293.30	-3.10	...
Fxd Interest Acc	240.50	253.70	...	...
International Acc	254.10	268.10	+0.10	...
Managed Acc	216.10	228.00	-2.30	...
Property Acc	221.20	233.40	+0.10	...
Money Acc	149.10	157.30	...	...
Spec Mkt Acc	223.70	236.00	+1.20	...
Japan Equity Acc	123.80	130.60	-1.00	...
N Amer Acc	167.40	176.40	+3.70	...
Pacific Acc	166.10	175.30	+10.70	...
European Acc	161.50	170.40	-2.00	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	447.60	471.20	-1.30	...
Managed Initial	312.40	328.80	-1.30	...
Equity Ord	662.50	697.40	-5.70	...
Equity Init	462.50	486.80	-4.30	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	207.70	218.60	-1.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	151.40	159.40	-1.10	...
Overs Equity Ord	373.20	392.80	+2.40	...
Overs Equity Init	260.50	274.20	+1.50	...
Property Ord	238.00	250.50	+0.20	...
Property Init	166.20	174.90	+0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	283.10	298.00	+0.10	...
Fixed Int Init	197.60	208.00	-0.10	...
Deposit Ord	199.60	210.10	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	139.30	146.60	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	323.20	336.70	-3.40	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	730.50	769.00	-2.90	...
Equity Fund	1392.6	1465.9	-12.40	...
Intl Fund	586.80	617.70	+1.00	...
Fixed Interest	581.40	612.00	-0.10	...
Property Fund	388.40	408.90	+1.80	...
Cash Fund	353.70	372.40	+0.30	...
Pacific Basin	355.80	374.60	+5.80	...
N American Fd	243.60	256.50	+1.30	...
Euro Fund	246.40	259.40	-1.50	...
Balanced Fund	146.60	154.40	-0.60	...
Strategic Fund	150.60	158.60	-0.60	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£735.00	...	+22.00	...
-do- Acc	462.80	487.10	+12.90	...
Op Prop	431.60	454.40	+2.00	...
Op Equity	860.20	905.50	-14.50	...
Op High Yield	583.70	614.50	-0.20	...
Op Managed	756.10	795.90	-6.80	...
Op Deposit	379.90	399.90	+0.30	...
Inc Gilt	305.60	321.70	-2.00	...
Japan Smlr	254.20	267.60	+3.80	...
Managed Gth	252.70	266.00	-0.40	...
Gilt	84.70	89.20	+0.20	...
British	350.70	369.20	+0.60	...
Global Bond	119.00	125.30	-0.40	...
Global (35.34)	173.70	182.90	-0.20	...
Gold Share	85.10	89.60	-2.90	...
High Income	299.50	315.30	-0.90	...
Income	429.40	452.00	-5.50	...
Japan	427.30	449.80	+2.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	304.10	320.20	-1.50	...
Mngd Growth	445.30	468.80	+1.40	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3800				
Royal Shield Fd	915.20	968.40	-4.40	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	365.30	384.50	-1.80	...
Equity Fund	504.10	530.60	-6.20	...
Property Fund	276.30	290.80	-0.10	...
International	473.40	498.30	+2.30	...
Pacific Basin	304.30	320.30	+5.00	...
United States	246.60	259.50	+8.50	...
Gilt Fund	365.00	384.20	-0.60	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	724.50	768.70	-0.50	2.49
Deposit Fund (2)	356.20	377.00	+0.30	5.98
Gilt Fund	530.00	550.40	+2.30	8.69
Global Equity Fd	230.60	244.10	+1.50	...
Property Fund (4s)	90.31	95.60	...	6.78
AG Bond Fund	152.60	161.50	+1.90	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	549.70	578.70	+2.40	...
Fixed Interest	370.20	390.00	+0.70	...
Index-Linked	202.00	213.30	-2.10	...

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International	446.10	469.60	+3.40	...
Property	254.30	267.80	+2.40	...
Cash	223.20	235.00	...	...
Managed	440.40	463.60	+1.70	...
Cap Gteed Bd	106.70	112.40	+0.50	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	175.38	184.62	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	164.00	172.60	-1.40	...
Fixed Interest	180.80	190.30	+0.30	...
Mixed	245.10	258.00	+2.10	...
UK Equity	231.60	243.70	+0.40	...
International	248.30	261.30	+2.30	...
American	255.00	268.40	+3.50	...
Japan	238.30	250.80	+3.70	...
European	229.40	241.50	-0.80	...
Pacific	368.20	387.60	+12.80	...
Technology	331.10	348.50	+5.90	...
Currncy/Currncy	231.50	243.70	+0.30	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	187.30	197.30	+0.20	...
UK Equity	338.00	355.90	-0.80	...
American	253.80	267.30	+6.30	...
Pacific	366.30	385.70	+10.70	...
European	448.80	472.50	-2.60	...
International	308.70	325.10	+4.30	...
Fixed Interest	248.90	262.10	-2.40	...
Index Linked	202.60	213.30	-0.20	...
Deposit	187.80	197.80	+0.10	...
Managed	276.50	291.10	+1.30	...
Worldwide	124.30	130.90	-0.10	...
Pen Worldwide	131.90	139.00	+0.20	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1578.0	1626.8	...	...
Safety Fund	234.60	247.00	+0.50	...
Growth Fund	221.80	233.50	-0.20	...
Opportunity Fd	218.00	229.50	-24.00	...
Cash Fund	168.90	177.80	+0.10	...
European Fund	326.80	344.10	+0.80	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	202.60	213.30	+1.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	186.00	195.80	-1.20	...
International Fd	285.60	300.70	+4.20	...
North American	244.20	257.10	+3.30	...
Property Fund	118.10	124.40	...	...
UK Equity	230.10	242.30	-1.40	...
UK Smaller	211.50	222.70	-2.40	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	257.00	270.60	-0.60	...
Equity	268.60	282.80	-2.80	...
International	279.80	294.70	+3.20	...
Property	201.10	211.80	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	221.70	233.50	+0.20	...
Index Linked	183.70	193.40	-1.70	...
Cash	181.60	191.20	+0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	766.00	814.90	-2.00	...
Cash Fund	327.80	345.50	+0.30	...
Property Fund	227.20	241.80	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	916.40	974.90	+7.60	...
Fxd Interest Fund	454.20	478.70	-1.90	...
International	412.80	439.20	+4.40	...
High Income	670.00	712.80	-10.20	...
Far East	582.60	620.10	+7.10	...
North American	552.80	588.10	+11.40	...
Special Sits	610.30	655.70	-3.90	...
Technology	542.00	576.60	-21.10	...
Extra Income Fd	361.40	384.50	-5.30	...
Gilt Fund	478.10	508.70	...	...
European	145.70	155.00	-1.90	...
Adventurous Mg	211.90	223.10	+0.90	...
Secure Mgd	142.00	151.10	-0.50	...
Equity Inc Dist	117.20	124.70	-1.30	4.53
North American	111.80	119.00	-0.50	5.17
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	918.10	918.10	-13.30	...
Inv Pol 2	836.50	880.60	-12.80	...
Inv Pol 3	803.70	846.10	-12.30	...
Inv Cash	302.70	318.80	+0.20	...
Mixed Fund	437.50	460.60	-1.10	...
Equity Fund	510.00	536.90	...	...
Property Fund	215.20	226.60	+0.30	...
International Fd	478.30	503.60	+3.60	...
Fixed Interest Fd	381.20	401.30	+0.40	...
Indexed Stock Fd	203.90	214.80	-1.40	...
Cash Fund	220.40	232.10	+0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	361.40	380.60	-3.10	...
Equity Acc	416.20	438.10	-5.10	...
International Acc	339.90	357.70	-7.60	...
Property	210.90	222.00	+0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	232.20	244.40	-2.00	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	260.30	274.10	+0.20	...
Equity	945.90	995.70	-3.50	...
European	158.40	166.80	-1.40	...
Far East	174.10	183.30	+3.00	...
Fixed Interest	405.00	426.40	+0.50	...
Index Linked	211.50	222.70	-0.40	...
International	608.30	640.40	+3.60	...
Managed	672.90	708.40	-0.40	...
Nth American	145.40	153.10	+0.80	...
Property	325.80	343.00	+1.40	...
Pensions				
Cash	401.10	422.30	+0.30	...
Equity	1356.9	1428.4	-6.40	...
European	188.60	198.60	-2.40	...
Far East	140.20	147.60	+3.20	...
Fixed Interest	544.60	573.30	+0.30	...

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Index Linked	292.80	308.30	-0.80	...
International	857.70	902.90	+5.70	...
Managed	940.70	990.30	-1.00	...
Nth American	181.50	191.10	+1.00	...
Property	417.60	439.60	-1.70	...
Stock Exchange	212.80	224.00	-0.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	633.60	667.00	-2.60	...
Equity Fund	828.00	871.60	-7.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	425.00	447.40	-1.40	...
Index-Linked Fd	312.00	328.50	...	...
Property Fund	461.10	485.40	-0.50	...
International Fd	626.20	659.20	+15.30	...
N American Fd	241.40	254.20	+1.40	...
Far East Fund	232.70	245.00	+6.50	...
Deposit Fund	285.80	300.90	+0.30	...
International Bd	£85.51	...	-1.16	...
Worldwide Bond	166.10	174.90	...	...
Worldwide Fincl	79.70	83.90	...	...
Worldwide Tech	94.80	99.80	+0.10	...
European	152.90	161.00	-0.60	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	626.90	660.00	-7.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	453.50	482.10	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£528.40	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£495.00	...	+0.60	...
Agricultural Fd	£773.50	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£743.20	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£405.50	...	+1.10	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£430.30	...	+1.20	...
Investment Fd	£335.40	...	+1.30	...
Investment (A)	£322.60	...	+1.40	...
Equity	£1198.4	...	-9.40	...
Equity Acc	£1150.3	...	-9.20	...
Money Fund	£453.30	...	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	£434.40	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£563.40	...	+1.00	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£396.80	...	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	£396.80	...	+1.20	...
Retire Annuity	£1055.0	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£313.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£218.60	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1426.1	...	...	...
Managed Acc	£808.90	...	-7.30	...
Equity Account	£1135.4	...	-19.00	...
Mngd Fund Acc	374.20	393.90	-3.60	...
Equity Fund Acc	499.20	525.50	-8.80	...
Prop Fund Acc	227.60	239.60	+1.00	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	316.30	333.00	-0.90	...
Money Fund Acc	215.00	226.30	...	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	214.80	226.10	-0.80	...
Pens Pens Acct	£1787.4	...	-27.10	...
Pens Mngd Acct	831.00	874.80	-13.20	...
Pens Guarantee	230.20	242.30	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	313.90	330.40	-7.10	...
Pens Property	253.50	266.90	+0.10	...
Pens Fixed Int	286.10	301.20	-0.20	...
Pens Intl	234.10	246.40	-4.20	...
Pens Money	226.60	238.50	-0.50	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	201.50	212.10	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	866.40	912.00	-12.60	...
Property Acc	318.90	335.70	-2.30	...
Equity Acc	1392.7	1466.0	-27.30	...
Fixed Int Acc	401.90	423.10	+0.50	...
Index-Linked Acc	210.10	221.20	-1.70	...
Cash Acc	299.60	315.40	-0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	358.80	377.70	-3.60	...
Japan Acc	304.30	320.40	-9.70	...
Pacific Acc	364.00	383.20	+1.40	...
Far Eastern Acc	849.70	894.50	-1.80	...
International Acc	566.10	595.90	-8.60	...
Distribution Fund	291.90	307.30	-3.80	6.10
European	177.00	186.40	-4.10	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	274.70	289.20	-0.60	...
Property Fund	189.40	199.50	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	225.20	237.10	-0.70	...
Money Fund	193.60	203.90	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	359.20	378.20	+0.60	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	242.10	254.90	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	46.10	49.50	-1.40	...
Fixed Interest	326.00	343.30	+0.30	...
Gold	87.90	92.60	+1.20	...
Managed	595.10	626.50	-3.00	...
Mngd Growth	186.40	196.30	-1.90	...
Mngd Opp	195.60	206.00	-2.30	...
Property	265.10	279.10	...	...
Residential Prop	93.40	98.50	+0.10	...
TSB American	214.80	226.20	+6.40	...
TSB Brit Gwth	792.80	834.60	-1.90	...
TSB European	257.80	271.40	-4.90	...
TSB Income	385.40	405.70	-5.40	...
TSB Intl	415.70	437.60	+3.00	...
TSB Intl Inc	288.80	304.10	-1.20	...
TSB Pacific	409.40	431.00	+8.50	...
TSB Prem Inc	261.80	273.60	+1.60	...
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No such cover when it comes to the crunch

There may be shocks in store for many borrowers who think their mortgages will be protected if they become ill or lose their jobs, says **Sara McConnell**

Borrowers who believe their mortgage payments will be covered by insurance if they are made redundant, fall ill or have an accident could be in for a shock.

Many mortgage payment protection policies sold to borrowers when they take out a mortgage or other loan "appear to be designed specifically to exclude the most common situations likely to lead to a claim", said the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux (Nacab) in a damning report on mortgage arrears and repossessions.

The report, *Dispossessed, CAB Evidence on Mortgage Arrears and Possessions*, said: "The 'safety nets' which borrowers may believe are provided by their mortgage protection policies and by the social security system often prove illusory. A large number of CABs have reported cases where clients have taken out mortgage protection policies only to find that when they need to claim, their particular circumstances are excluded, for example because they have recently changed jobs, because they are not entitled to unemployment benefit or because they were self-employed". Many borrowers are being sold inappropriate policies without an adequate explanation of what they cover.

These findings are serious because they come as the government is making it clear that it wants to shift more of the burden of covering mortgage payments for those out of work or ill away from the state. Instead it wants borrowers to make their own arrangements to insure loan repayments, as Peter Lilley, social security secretary, made clear in July when he announced that those with mortgages of more than £150,000 would not qualify for income support. This will fall to £125,000 from next April. Mr Lilley added: "These regulations are an important step towards encouraging home buyers to take greater responsibility in insuring themselves against risk. Anyone taking out a mortgage should consider cover for themselves and their family."

Mortgage payment protection policies are sold to borrowers by lenders alongside a mortgage or other loan. In some cases, lenders make it a condition of the loan that borrowers pay extra for payment protection insurance. The Nationwide insists that first-time buyers wanting to borrow a large part of the property's value take out cover. Other lenders offering discounts or fixed rates also make it a condition. In theory, the insurance will pay the mortgage and related expenses for up to two years if the borrower cannot work through illness, accident or redundancy. They have always had various restrictions, in particular insisting that cover will not start for at least three, sometimes six, months after making a claim.

However, since the start of the recession, the number of claims on policies has soared as unemployment continues to bite, and the long term illness rate has risen. The cost of mortgage payment protection has gone up and at the same time benefits have been cut. Now many people are only

Exclusion clauses are hidden in the small print and not pointed out

covered for a year, with longer delays before cover starts. For example, the Halifax's policy now costs £6.90 per £100 of cover a month, up from £6 per £100 last year. The policy will now pay out for only a year on redundancy claims instead of two years, although the policy will pay out for up to two years on accident and sickness claims. The cover itself may be restricted. In most cases, policies are now only available to new borrowers, not existing borrowers. This is mainly because insurers fear that people may "self select", that is, take out cover when they know they are likely to be made redundant or be off sick.

The Association of British Insurers said: "Possibly insurers are tightening up on wording. They are always on the look out for fraud."

CABs around the country report widespread difficulty in claiming, mainly because important exclusion clauses were hidden in the small print and had not been pointed out. In one case, a self-employed man in Nottinghamshire took out a second mortgage to buy a truck for his business. He then fell ill. Meanwhile the firm to which he was contracted went out of business. The insurer refused to pay out because the policy excluded self-employment, although the company had been told this when the policy was taken out. In another case a Kent man who made a claim after an accident which laid him off work for a time was told that the claim was invalid if someone had to spend 24 hours in hospital.

People made redundant will not normally qualify for cover unless they register as unemployed. However, a Surrey woman who was told her claim was invalid because she had not registered, having been told she did not have to because she was a single parent.

Nacab says the selling of mortgage payment protection policies should be regulated under the Financial Services Act. At present, because they are protection policies not investments, sellers of such policies are only covered by the ABI's general insurance code of practice. This has no regulatory force and the code merely lays down guidelines which insurers are expected to enforce on their agents. The ABI said: "We are aware of criticism of the code. There was a code review by the monitoring committee several months ago and we are working to beef it up". Under the code, insurers' agents, in this case normally building societies, are meant to explain the policy's terms and make sure the borrower understands.

Those who find they are not covered by private insurance or whose cover has run out have to turn to the state. Income support, however, is also restricted and is of no use to many in arrears as Nacab and the London Research Centre, an independent research group, point out.

In its study, *Living with Mortgage Arrears*, also out this week, the London Research Centre says that for the first 16 weeks only 50 per cent of the mortgage interest is paid, meaning at least two months' worth of arrears will automatically accrue even for those who qualify. Income support only covers the interest, not any endowment premiums or other costs. It does not normally cover interest on arrears or on most second mortgages. If one person in a household has lost his or her job, meaning a drop in income, but the other is still working, the household will not usually be entitled.

The London Research Centre says administrative errors by social security department officials compound problems, particularly now that payments are made direct to the lender and borrowers cannot keep track of what is happening. The first time one woman realised she was in arrears was when she was threatened with repossession. She discovered the DSS was paying interest only on her first mortgage and not on her second, which was for home improvements.

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild



Families in financial difficulty are still finding their homes threatened by repossession

The 20 minutes it took to save a home

FORGET the statistics. There was little sign in Birmingham this week that the rate of mortgage repossessions is slowing. It was business as usual on Monday at the city's county court, as the day's long list of repossession hearings testified (Sara McConnell writes).

Many people did not even turn up for their hearing but, according to Robert Hancox, who works in the Citizens Advice Bureau based in the court, this is not unusual. Mr Hancox and his colleagues are there to defend homeowners against building societies, banks and finance houses seeking repossession but they have an uphill battle to persuade people that help is available and that it is free. "They can't afford a solicitor," Mr Hancox says, "and they don't know about the CAB even though we send out details of the service with the court summons." Legal aid will not pay for legal representation in mortgage repossession cases.

Nationally, CABs deal with an estimated minimum of 10,000 mortgage arrears queries every month. Most people seeking help have tried to borrow their way out of their debts, usually by taking out a loan from a finance house at a high interest rate.

Mr Hancox's first appointment of the day was Mr W., who had already fought off two attempts by a finance house to repossess his £55,000 home. He was hoping to get a warrant for possession suspended again. Courts can suspend a warrant if borrowers agree to pay the full interest owing every month plus a portion of the arrears.

Mr W. has a £4,000 mortgage from Birmingham city council, with arrears of £400. On top of this he has a £27,000 mortgage from a finance house, taken out partly to fund home improvements and partly to fund a family business. The arrears on this total £6,000. Mr W.'s wife has left him. He fell ill last year, is still unable to work and is surviving on benefits.

A mortgage payment protection policy has been covering some of the repayments but will stop at the end of the year. Then he will have to turn to the social security department to get part of his monthly interest paid. The DSS will only pay interest on the portion of the loan, some £5,000, taken out to fund home improvement.

The finance house is starting to get aggressive, demanding payment. During the hearing, before a judge in chambers, its solicitor produces a letter saying that Mr W. will not qualify for any more payouts from his mortgage payment protection policy. While the judge does calculations Mr W's home hangs in the balance. Then he is reprieved. The hearing is adjourned into the New Year while the CAB helps Mr W. sort out payments from the DSS and tries asking his family for help, on the grounds that the business funded by the loan is thriving. It has taken just 20 minutes.

The picture shows detail from "On Strike" by Hubert von Herkomer; 1891: Royal Academy of Arts, London.

Satisfaction not guaranteed

Guarantees used to be as good as the company issuing them. But the word has been discredited by the antics of many of the great and good in the financial world. Guaranteed bonds, returns and investments can be anything but.

All they appear to guarantee is the commission of the salesman and the profits of the provider.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) is barking again in an attempt to bring its membership into line. It wants providers of guaranteed investments to make it clear just what can be relied on.

Too many investors have been lured out of the safety of building society accounts into bonds — sometimes by building societies themselves — with the promise of safety at the same time as a gamble on the stock markets. The products often appear to be too good to be true and the company's marketing material is frequently enhanced by support information provided unofficially by the salesman on his laptop.

Promises are then made, which cannot be kept, in the name of household insurers. Often the customer has no record of these promises. And only when the investors are disappointed by the investment are complaints made. By then it is usually too late to establish what was or was not said.

It is therefore welcome that Lautro is once again tackling the subject of guarantees and their worth. But there might be a tad of cynicism from investors who recall all the other guidelines that have been issued on the subject of guarantees, and might wonder why another set is needed if their spirit had been heeded by the companies and their salesmen.

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK

Deputy Business Editor

Now might be a time for Lautro to consider banning the word guarantee from advertisements altogether. After all, guarantees can be withdrawn at a later stage if the investment group or its regulator finds that the promise cannot be fulfilled without causing serious damage to a lot more investors. Earlier this year, the Bank of England stepped in to prevent a small bank from continuing to guarantee an attractive return to hundreds of investors who had signed up for a fixed or guaranteed rate Tessa.

A ban on the use of the word is unlikely to find favour with an industry that makes so much money from the use of it, so investors need to look with extra scepticism at any offers that seem too good to be true. Many of the recent products have managed to give the impression that they are paying higher returns than they actually are. Often the guarantee is worth very little. It may be that investors get back most of their money at the end of three or five years. Not such a wonderful deal for the investors who are leaving building societies where the whole of their capital is safe and they will receive interest on top. However, if markets soar they will have a share of the action — but probably considerably less than they would have got if there had been no guarantee.

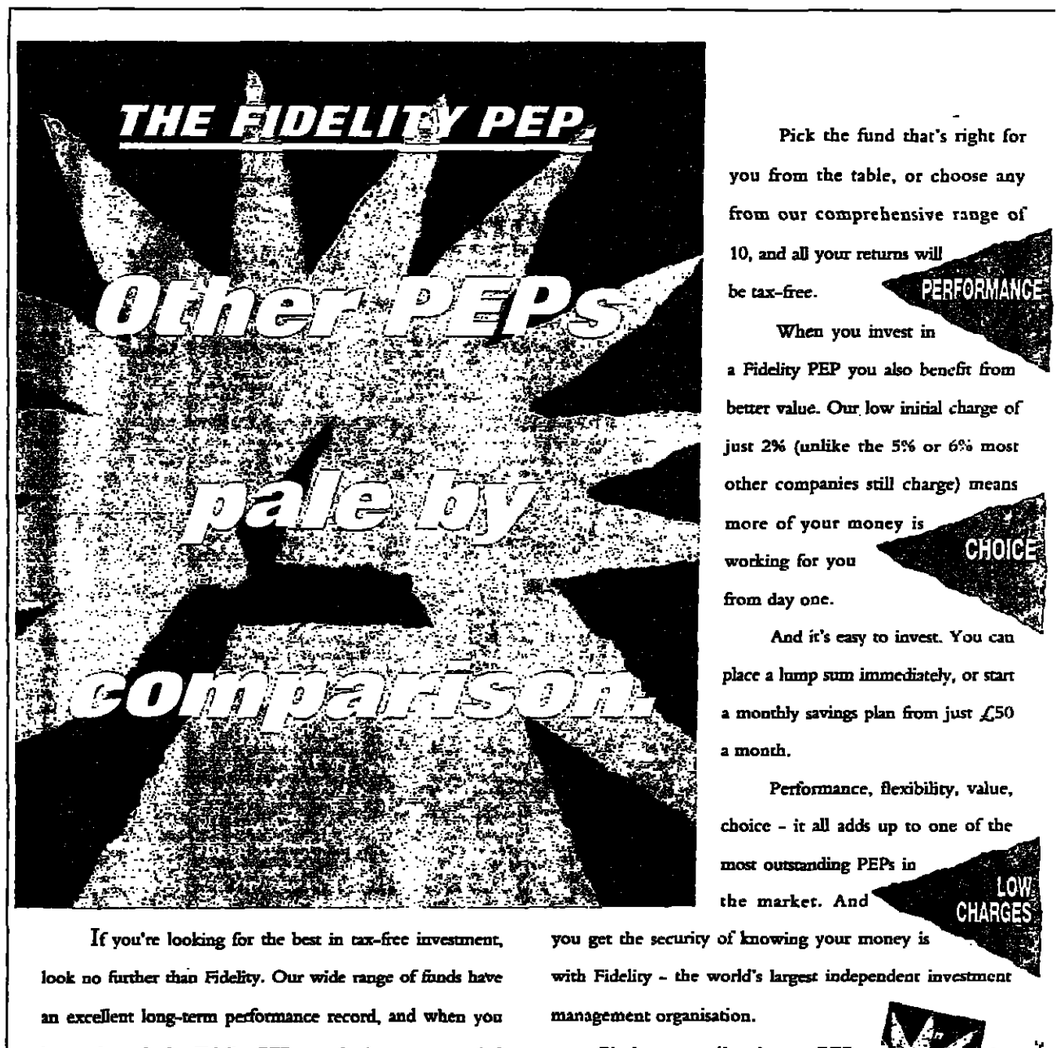
The new investment products that appear to carry no risk and high returns are attracting people into the market who probably should not be there. Many will be disappointed.

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Hard lesson

Banks spend a lot of money trying to entice students to open accounts, on the basis that they will be customers for all their working lives. But when it comes to the crunch they can let student customers down badly.

Mistakes can happen in any organisation and when a cheque has to be passed through the clearing system from one bank to another it is surprising that more pieces of paper do not go astray. When they do, banks need to be mindful of the hardship that can ensue and not spend time blaming the other bank involved. The case on page 28 shows how unrealistic they can be when trying to make amends. Maybe the people in the customer services department left university a long time ago, but giving a student £20 to survive on for nearly a month is hardly realistic. Banks must try much harder in such circumstances.



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Card wars to woo the Christmas spender

Margaret Dibben looks at some of the special deals being offered on credit cards and personal loans

To encourage pre-Christmas spending, several lenders currently have special promotions on credit cards and personal loans.

Yorkshire Bank and the Co-operative will take over other credit card bills for repayment at rates of interest that are lower than usual. Neither has an annual fee and the Co-operative charges 1 per cent a month, an annualised percentage rate (APR) of 12.6 per cent, to repay outstanding credit card bills.

Yorkshire Bank gives personal loans at 16.4 per cent, APR dropping to 14.4 per cent for customers who transfer a main current account at the same time.

Ian Lindsey, banking director at Save & Prosper, advises: "You have to watch the rate for new lending. We charge 1 per cent for both transferred balances and new lending as well." Including the annual fee, the APR is 14.6 per cent.

Norwich and Peterborough Building Society has cut 2 per cent off the usual personal loan rate, down to 23.6 per cent. for a limited period and allows borrowers to defer repayments for two months. Graham Berville, general manager development, says: "If people borrow now for Christmas they won't have to start repaying until after Christmas."

Girocard gives back £1 for every £15 spent on a holiday, provided holiday insurance is bought, or a cut-price £45 day return to France for four adults and a car. New Halifax Visa cardholders can enter a competition closing on Monday to win £1,000; or apply for a 50 per cent discount on sailings from Hull to Zeebrugge or Rotterdam if they travel before March 25.

The plethora of promotions, and particularly the Yorkshire and Co-operative schemes, are a reflection of the all-out war that is being waged in the saturated and mature £197 billion American credit card market. The trick there is no longer to convince consumers they may have guilt-free credit, but to get them to switch allegiances.

From a standing start, billings in the General Motors credit card launched last year with a discount offer on a new car, went from nought to $2 billion in just 90 days. The scheme has been imitated here by Vauxhall, whose credit card was recently launched with a similar discount promise.

The plastic is falling thick and fast. Shell are joining Chemical Bank to launch a new petrol discount card for US drivers in a launch backed with national advertising and a direct-mail shot to nine million people who, at most, will each get $70 rebate a year.

British Airways announced this summer that it was linking with Chase Manhattan, the US bank, to offer a credit card on which consumers may notch up air miles by spending money on the ground.



Shoppers are being lured with credit incentives to borrow early for Christmas

DACA Combined Enterprises

Our report "Action over forced sales" (October 16) included a photograph of a bailiffs' notice of intention to remove goods issued by DACA Combined Enterprises. We are asked to make it clear that, as bailiffs, DACA are not concerned with the eviction of homeowners or the disposal of their houses.

Too young? Bad risk? Reasons for rejection must be revealed

Anybody who is rejected for credit must now be told the reason. This week the credit industry adopted updated guidelines to credit scoring which for the first time insist that lenders tell applicants why they have been rejected.

Elizabeth Stanton, director of the Retail Credit Group, said: "Consumers will be given more information and we hope it will improve their understanding of credit scoring and the importance of credit reference agencies."

Although it is not an absolute requirement, lenders should now encourage rejected applicants to appeal and provide additional information, rather than give blanket refusals.

Ideally, people will be told in advance that credit scoring may be used.

Mrs Stanton said: "We are encouraging more use of referrals so if lenders cannot find you on the electoral roll, they should write asking for more information rather than automatically rejecting the application."

Rejected applicants will not get a very precise reason why they failed on credit scoring grounds. They will, however, be told if they were rejected because their credit reference agency file contained unfavourable information about them, or if the lender believes they are already overcommitted, or if they are too young, or unemployed.

One year ago, Barclaycard became the first lender to advise unsuccessful applicants of the reasons for refusal. Nick Cobban, deputy head of corporate affairs at Barclays Bank, said: "People obviously appreciate being told what the problem is and being given the opportunity to appeal."

He added: "We have found that when they give us a little bit of extra information, in the majority of cases we can accept them as cardholders. That means tens of thousands of people each year are getting cards who previously would have been rejected."

The most common reason for an initial refusal, Barclaycard found, was not having had a bank account for very long. After that it was not having been long in a job or having recently moved house.

How lenders keep the score

CREDIT scoring is widely used by lenders to assess the credit-worthiness of applicants for personal loans, credit cards, store cards, cheque accounts and mortgages. Each question on the application form earns a certain number of points and the total must reach a certain minimum number before credit is granted.

The numbering is quite complex, so one cannot simply guess the "right" answers to achieve a high score. Lenders also use a credit reference agency in conjunction with the scoring, so a bad debt record will show up there. Stability at home and at work and having other forms of credit which are repaid regularly are plus points. Not having a telephone counts badly. Each company has a different scorecard. They are drawn up on the experience the lender has had with its own previous customers.

Each company decides the degree to which it will take on customers that another lender might regard as too risky. For example, if one lender found that all its previous customers who failed to keep up the payments were aged under 25, it might refuse to take on any young people.

While the new guidelines take effect immediately, lenders have until the end of next year to put them fully into effect.

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Robert Miller reports on new guidelines to stop investors being misled

Peace of mind is not guaranteed

Mounting concern at the way certain "guaranteed" investments are being sold has prompted regulators to issue further warnings to financial services companies on how important it is that investors understand exactly what they are putting their money into. The new guidelines will apply to both capital growth and income guarantee schemes.

Later this month, Lautro, which polices unit trust and life companies, is to issue another enforcement bulletin on the subject of guaranteed investments. Colin Hawtin, Lautro's head of policy, said: "Any advertisement or marketing literature must make absolutely clear to the investor exactly what is and what is not guaranteed. This applies to capital growth and income guarantees."

Fimbra, the regulator of independent advisers, is to issue its guidelines at the same time as Lautro while Imro, which monitors fund management groups, issued guidance notes on guaranteed schemes last month.

The rapid growth of guaranteed income and capital growth schemes — some £1 billion is invested in the market — is logical enough. Interest rates have more than halved in the past two-and-a-half years and savers have been forced to consider alternatives to bank and building society accounts.

Sensing the reluctance of many investors to try a stock market investment, life companies and unit trust groups came up with the so-called "guaranteed" solution. Rather than lose out, building societies retaliated with their own versions of guaranteed investment plans.

Broadly speaking, capital guarantee plans offer investors their original investment back after five years with the potential for additional growth linked to rises in the FT-SE 100 index or other equity-based life or unit trust funds. Some guaranteed schemes use the traded options market, as opposed to investment in direct equities, to make the most of gains in the index or to limit potential losses if the index falls. But as Nick Percival, a director of *BESt Investment*, a London-based adviser that monitors the 40 or so guaranteed investment schemes currently available, points out: "Capital guarantee schemes are changing on an almost daily basis. Although most schemes do give back 100 per cent of the capital, some deduct the management charges first. Almost all the schemes are structured as insurance bonds or deposit accounts and are liable to income tax. If you have to cash in the investment early the redemption penalties could mean that you get back substantially less than the original investment."

> 'Advertisements must make clear exactly what is guaranteed' — *Colin Hawtin (Lautro)*

Leading providers of capital guarantee plans, some of which have a facility to lock-in FT-SE gains at intervals over the five-year term, include Save & Prosper, Citibank, Abbey Life, Midland Life, Eagle Star, NatWest Life and National & Provincial and Bradford & Bingley building societies. Most require an investment of at least £5,000 and allow income to be withdrawn but that could, in some cases, place capital at risk. Front-end charges generally vary between 5 and 7 per cent.

> The real concern centres on high income guarantee plans

A recent twist to the five-year capital guaranteed theme is to link a Business Expansion Scheme to the FT-SE index. But BES schemes are to be withdrawn at the end of the year and some believe the Chancellor may pull down the shutter in this month's Budget. Such schemes available include St. Anne's Residences, Derby Student Halls and Oxford ISIS III.





Another scheme with a difference is Legal & General's Guaranteed Stockmarket Investment Plan, linked to a unit trust and a personal equity plan. Michael Hayden, managing director of L&G's unit trust arm, points out: "We don't use derivatives and, unlike other plans, the dividends, minus expenses, flow through direct to the investor."

But the real concern of the regulators centres on high-income guarantee plans. These, says Mr Percival, are "very different. If the plan promises an income of between 7 and 10 per cent then the capital is almost certainly at risk. That may not deter some people for whom a guaranteed income in the next five years is more important than capital growth.

"But if you hope to receive an income along those lines then you should know that to get your original capital back the FT-SE 100 index will have to grow by between 5 and 10 per cent a year. In the current climate, the chances of the FT-SE growing at that rate are much less likely than in the eighties. Up to 50 per cent of the capital can be at risk."

Peter Smith, a director of Hill Martin, an independent adviser, comments: "We do not care for schemes which guarantee an income at the expense of consuming capital and I think there are going to be some awfully disappointed investors. I'd rather invest in gilts or certain National Savings accounts or a five-year guaranteed income bond which should pay around 5.8 per cent net and you get your capital back." Life company guaranteed income bonds should not be confused with these guaranteed income schemes on which the regulators have acted.

> 'The dividends, minus expenses, flow through to the investor' – *Michael Hayden (L&G)*

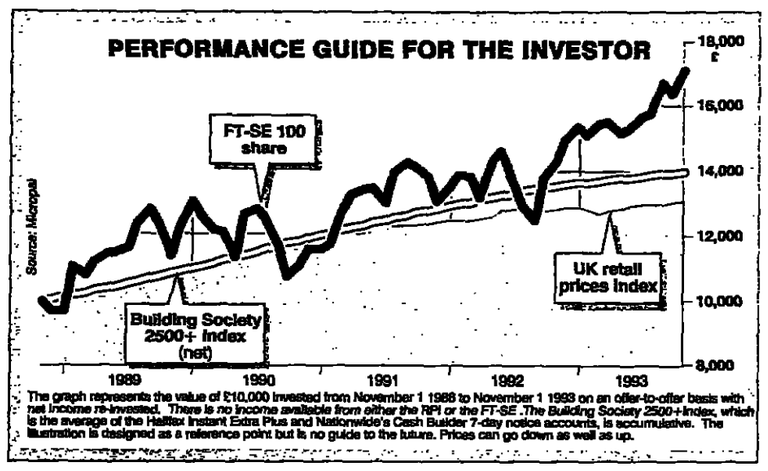
Traditional performance monitoring techniques are hard to apply to the guaranteed schemes because investors know, more or less, what they will receive at the end of the term, but the yardsticks applied when making the original projections on returns are based on historic fact. Those facts are the key elements that influence all investment decisions, such as the performance of the FT-SE index of the UK's top 100 companies, the returns from certain building society accounts and the effect of inflation (see chart).

Mike Usher, another independent adviser, investment analyst at Brooks Macdonald Gayer, says investors "should hold off a little longer until after the Budget".

Guaranteed income and capital growth schemes do have a place in some portfolios. But independent advice is essential, as is an understanding of the individual scheme. Just as important are the strength and reputation of the financial institution underwriting the guarantee.

☐ Further information: The November issue of *Money Management* (£4.50 on bookstalls) carries a comprehensive survey of guaranteed equity schemes.

BESt Investment Guaranteed Investments guide costs £10 from 4 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6AA.



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BY ROBERT MILLER

IN SPITE of the recent failures of investment trusts investing in Lloyd's of London to get off the ground, other new trusts continue to be launched.

Launches announced this week include John Govett's High Income trust, Kleinwort Benson's Second Endowment Policy trust and Friends Provident's Ethical trust.

David Fisher, senior fund manager of Taylor Young Investment Management, which specialises in private client investment trust portfolios, says there are sound reasons why investors turned their back on some trusts.

He said: "I realise it is hard for a lot of private investors to obtain all the information they need on Lloyd's investment trusts but the main question for them is the performance of the Lloyd's agents involved. If this information cannot be obtained or does not stack up, they should not invest."

Of John Govett's new High Income trust, which is aiming for an initial annual gross yield of 7 per cent and offers a free warrant with every five Ordinary shares, Mr Fisher said: "It is quite a racy cocktail with a portfolio invested in UK equities, international high income bonds and emerging markets. I am certainly considering investing in it for my income portfolios." Govett's new trust is Pepable up to the maximum £6,000 and the minimum investment is £1,000.

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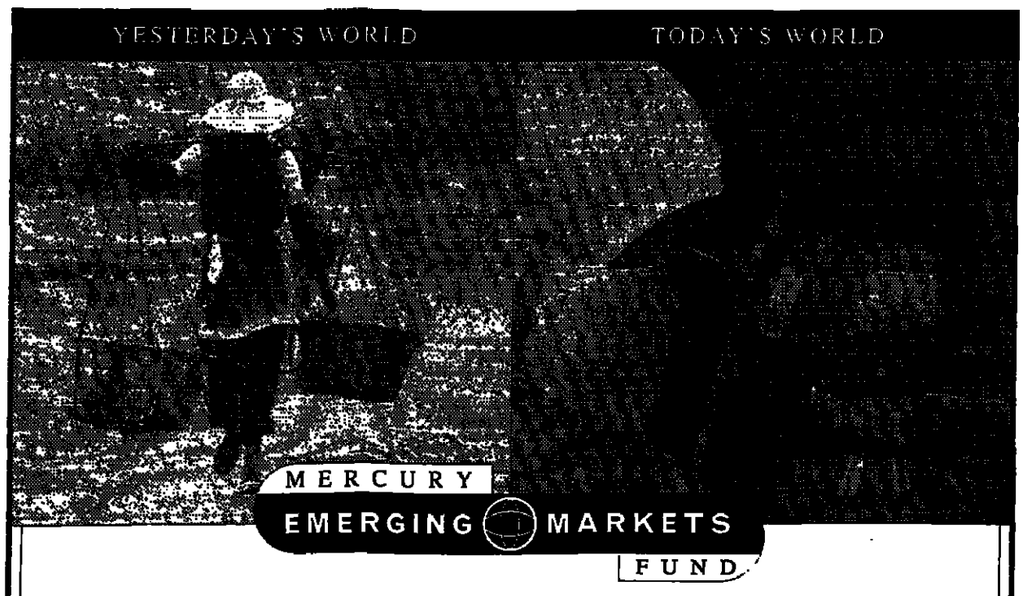
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The student cheque that kept bouncing

A bank's express transfer turned out to be the slowest option

A cheque can only be cleared once it has physically returned to the bank that issued it, Simon Miles writes. This may change, but meanwhile some ten million cheques have to be transported around the country every day. Most are handled through Apacs (Association of Payment Clearance Services) and travel by security courier. But a proportion go by post, especially those for 'express clearance'.

If a cheque gets lost, Apacs procedures lay down how the banks involved should liaise. But there are no recognised procedures about how to treat a customer, as student Ruth Edwards discovered.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Hard times for student Ruth Edwards, whose grant cheque went badly astray

I got a grant cheque for £1,071 on a Friday. I urgently needed the money for rent and books and asked my Abbey National branch for an express clearance. It cost me £10.

The cheque was sent with a credit slip to the NatWest branch that issued it by first-class post. I had to sign a form accepting that if something went wrong in the post clearance could be delayed beyond the usual 24 hours.

On Monday I was told that the cheque had not cleared. On Tuesday it was the same story. So on Wednesday I called NatWest who told me that they'd had the credit slip since Monday — but no cheque. Abbey National told me they hadn't been told about the slip's arrival but as they always stapled the cheque to it, NatWest must have lost it. NatWest said they told the Abbey National about the slip as soon as it arrived and as they had found no staple mark on the slip, the cheque couldn't have been posted.

I didn't care who was to blame. A stop should have been put on the cheque immediately so that a new one could be issued. On Wednesday afternoon the Abbey National phoned my grant authority for me. This was a special favour, they said, as they had not lost the cheque. I was told a new one would arrive in seven days. In the meantime they agreed to lend me no more than £20. I asked if I could have back the £10 express clearance fee and was told that I had no right to it because the loss was not their fault. They refunded it as a special concession.

'One thing that I learnt was: don't expect your bank to be helpful'

Things were getting desperate and on the Friday I phoned the grant people. They said they had never heard from the Abbey National. I know that grant authorities can be disorganised so I called the Abbey National to get the name of the man they had spoken to. The supervisor hadn't taken a name. I called the grant people again. They said cheques were never reissued unless the loss had been confirmed in writing by the bank. I asked the Abbey National if they had confirmed the loss. They hadn't because, they claimed, the man whose name they hadn't taken had said that wasn't necessary.

On the Monday, I contacted NatWest, the grant people and Abbey National to make sure the cheque was stopped, that letters confirming the loss were sent, and that a new cheque would be issued. In the Abbey National next day I was told they had no record of a letter being sent to the grant people. I lost my temper — and swore — and a man then found a copy. It confirmed the lost cheque but did not ask for a new one. So I had to get them to send another letter. It had taken ten days to get this far and the grant people said it could take another 15 to reissue the cheque; they would try to hurry it up.

Eleven days later the Abbey National called me to say the cheque had been issued but was with NatWest. When I called them to arrange to pick it up they said they had already had it for a week and had called the Abbey National to tell them so. So I called the Abbey National again, who said they had only known for three days and had been trying to telephone me. I finally got the re-issued cheque three weeks after I first asked for express clearance.

I learned two things:
1) Don't bother with express clearance: cheques are far more likely to go missing this way than in the normal Apacs system (which takes only 48 hours longer at most); and
2) Don't expect your bank to be helpful. If the fault might be someone else's, they are under no obligation to do anything.

Both the National Westminster and Abbey National said they were sorry the client had been caused so much inconvenience but each stressed that it was not their fault; it was the other bank's.

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Reduced pension, taxed pension, or no pension. How to survive old age?

Taking a DIY line on pensions

Margaret Dibben looks at schemes that give control over where the money is invested

Anyone in their thirties who thinks they will be able to retire on a state pension is making a serious mistake.

Whatever the government eventually decides about state pensions, and whatever changes of government there are over the next 30 years, today's young generation cannot expect a state pension unless they are living at subsistence levels.

By then, everybody will be responsible for making sure they have enough to live on in retirement. The sums of money are scary even for those who start pension planning while they are young. For those who leave it until their thirties or forties, the amount of money they need to accumulate is frightening.

Even those with a company pension should check whether this will provide as much retirement income as they will want and make additional voluntary contributions if necessary. People outside company schemes must take the initiative, choose a pension scheme and be disciplined enough to keep up the contributions.

The first problem is the plethora of pension schemes and pension providers — insurance companies, banks and some building societies.

Bill Melville, project manager at Scottish Widows, advises: "You should speak to a financial adviser because pensions are not simple. Nowadays, people are living longer and working shorter, so you have less time to provide for a longer retirement." Most people buying personal pensions pick an off-the-shelf product where the pension provider makes the investment decisions, but there are other possibilities.

Clive Grimley, senior manager with Gissings, a financial adviser, says: "If you want to take control over where your pension is invested, then you need a self-invested personal pension (Sipp), or small self-administered scheme (Ssas) which is similar but available only to company directors."

Individuals do not have to administer the schemes themselves. Sipps can invest in shares on the UK market or any recognised overseas stock exchange, in unit trusts, investment trusts, insurance company funds and deposit accounts.

They can also invest in commercial property and this can be the same building the investor's business occupies, whether they are a butcher, baker, barrister or small shop owner. It cannot be a property in which they live.

The business must pay the pension fund a commercial rent and then any increases in the property's value roll-up tax free within the scheme. The usual tax relief applies to pension contributions. But the contributions need to be substantial to make it worthwhile. Mr Grimley says: "We would not be comfortable with a person doing a Sipp unless they are putting in around £15,000 a year because the schemes have flat charges. Ours has a £600 up-front charge and then £300 a year, however much you put in."

ALISTAIR DEVINE



Bruce Hare in Duddingston House, Edinburgh, bought through his pension fund

Bruce Hare, a partner in Percy Johnson-Marshall & Partners, architects, bought and renovated a historic building in Edinburgh for his practice through his pension fund. Duddingston House is a Grade A listed building, completed in 1768 for James, the XIIIth Earl of Abercorn, by William Chambers, the architect for Somerset House.

Mr Hare explains: "The building is leased to the practice, which pays a rental which is lower than we were paying before when we were spread through three buildings. Doing it this way required me to put much less money in and now the practice has control over its own destiny."

Francis Moore of Personal Pension Management, a Sipp specialist, comments: "A lot of people who were high-flyers have lost their jobs through the recession, but they have substantial pension rights locked up in other schemes. They can switch these into a Sipp and unlock their funds."

Inland Revenue rules put a ceiling on the amount of earnings on which pension contributions can be calculated for tax relief — currently £75,000 a year. High earners who want to put more into a pension can do so through a Funded Unapproved Retirement Benefit Scheme (Furbs), which is an unauthorised pension fund where there is no tax relief on contributions.

However, Mr Grimley explains: "The fund pays tax at only 25 per cent, which is an advantage to 40 per cent taxpayers."

Ways to make pension Budget-proof

Kenneth Clarke may attack pension tax breaks, says **Jill Insley**

Generous pension tax breaks must look like a sitting target to a Chancellor desperate to cut the £50 billion deficit in public finances. The pensions industry fears that Kenneth Clarke may apply tax to pension funds, attack the tax-free lump sum paid on retirement, or reduce relief on contributions in the November 30 Budget.

Anyone with cash to spare who believes the Chancellor will restrict tax relief on contributions should consider making single premium payments before the Budget. Premiums paid into regular pension schemes after the Budget may be subject to different relief limits.

Chris Wicks, of King St Financial Advisers, says: "People should not be panicked into doing something before the Budget, but those who have funds available should pay their contributions now."

Peter Timberlake, of Legal & General, suggests that if relief on contributions is reduced, employees could still save tax by investing in pensions via "salary sacrifice". An employee can ask his employer to reduce his salary and pay the difference directly into the company pension scheme or his personal pension. This will allow a higher-rate taxpayer sacrificing £1,000 to pay £400 less tax. The employee benefits from the £1,000 through his pension, and the employer pays less National Insurance.

Even if Mr Clarke does not restrict tax breaks, the government wants individuals to take an increasing share of the burden of pension provision.

William M Mercer, the firm of actuaries, calculated how much it would cost to replace the basic state pension. The table sets out the answer. It also shows what percentage of gross salary a 40-year-old man and woman would have to spend, after abolition of the basic state pension, to provide different levels of benefit.

Andrew Collins, of Mercer, says that most people contribute very little to their retirement funding. He says: "Start investing as much as you can, as soon as you can. People who are 40 and under have time to do something about this. The longer people wait, the more expensive it becomes to provide for retirement. Even if you are in an occupational pension scheme you should still consider paying additional voluntary contributions."

The Cost of KEEPING UP

Salary £20,000 Age 40	Male Retiring 65 % of salary	Female Retiring 60 % of salary	Female Retiring 65 SPA* 65 % of salary
Cost of replacing BSP†			
Married	5.1	4.7	2.7
Single	2.1	4.7	2.7
Replacing £20,000			
Married	42.6	60.0	40.6
Single	28.2	55.9	38.7
Replacing £20,000 on top of Occupational Pension Scheme‡			
Married	27.2	40.5	24.4
Single	18.4	37.2	21.6
Replacing £13,333, i.e.2/3			
Married	28.5	40.0	27.2
Single	18.8	37.2	24.5
Replacing £13,333 on top of OPS			
Married	12.9	20.5	10.8
Single	7.0	18.5	9.4

We have assumed State Pensions increase with prices and salary with general earnings. (1) Basic state pension (2) based on 600ths of salary (3) State pension age

In some cases, the Inland Revenue would not permit the necessarily high contributions to a pension scheme. For example, a 40-year-old woman wanting to retire at 60 would need to put 40 per cent of salary in a personal pension to produce an annual pension of £13,333. However, under current Revenue rules, a person between 36 and 45 may invest only 20 per cent of salary in a personal pension. Those under 35 may not invest more than 17.5 per cent, and those 46 to 50 can invest 25 per cent. Those aged 51 to 55 can put 30 per cent of salary into a personal pension, and 35 per cent is allowed for those between 56 and 60. People aged 61 and over can invest 40 per cent.

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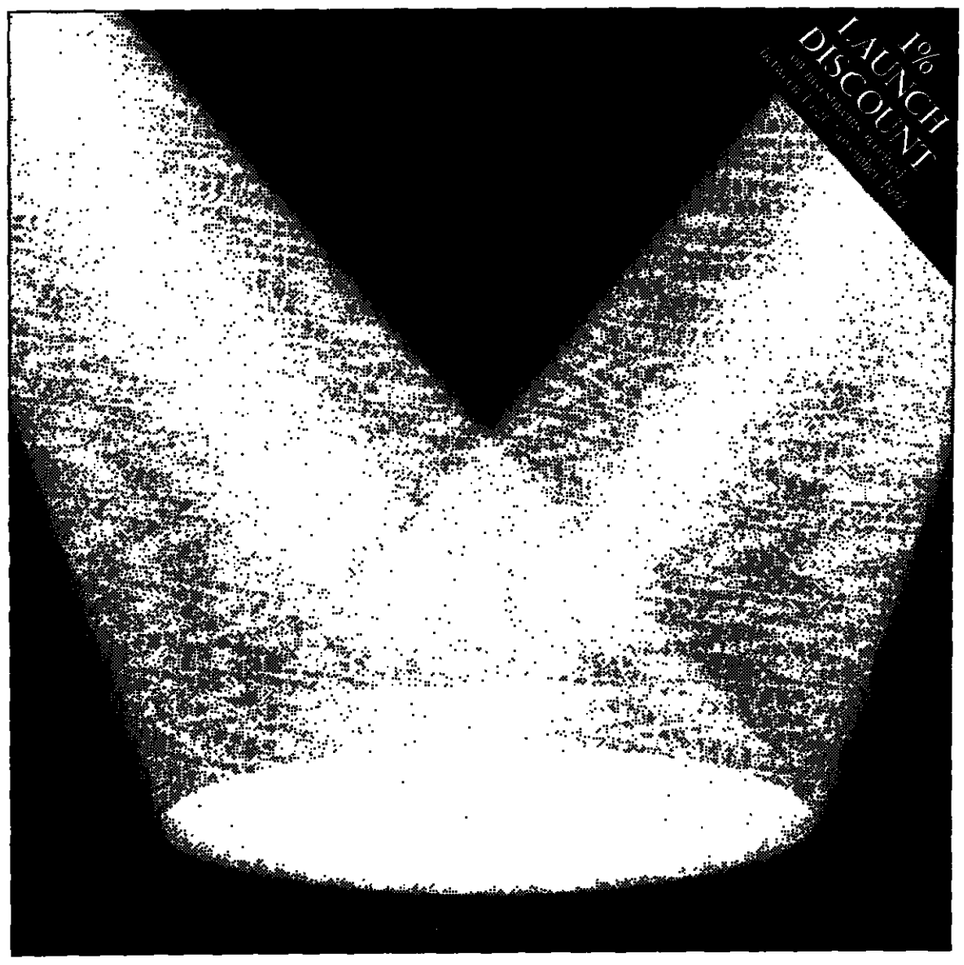
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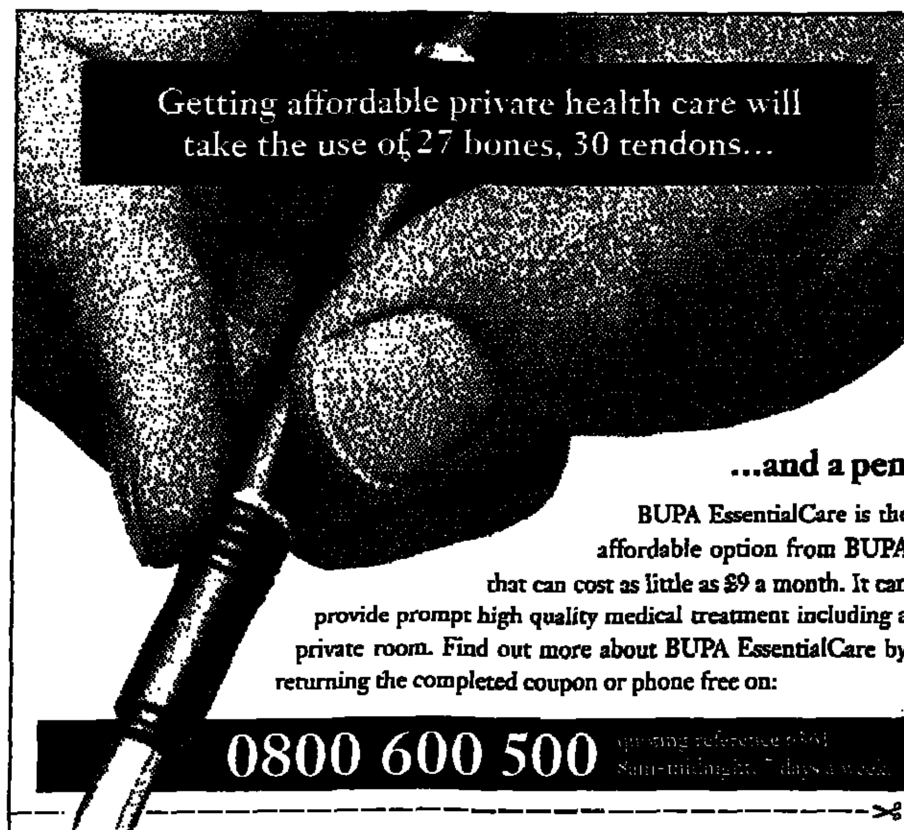
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Income and a retirement home tax-free

Margaret Dibben says tax relief can be obtained on an investment property for use in retirement

Reports of house price rises wax and wane each month but at least it looks certain that they are bumping along the bottom. So anyone who has considered buying property for investment should think seriously about doing it now before prices start increasing steadily. Provided the Inland Revenue accepts this is being done as a business, there are tax advantages including tax relief on mortgage interest.

The Revenue says holiday letting is becoming more common these days. But as a result, inspectors are monitoring applications for tax relief more closely, particularly where people have made losses rather than profits.

A Revenue spokesman said: "The reason people are in business, unless they are completely certifiable, is to make some money. We have to ask people why they have made losses because the inspector has to make sure they are seriously running a business."

But accountants believe the Revenue is unrealistic. Andrew Tappin, personal finance partner with BDO Binder Hamlyn, said a client was nearly refused tax relief because in the first two years he made a loss after charging for loans to buy the property. "It was a flat in London which was let to tourists. When it was ready to let there were a number of bombs in London and the Americans suddenly stopped coming. In this and other cases the Revenue claimed the client is making a significant loss and might continue making a loss for the next few years. They say they don't think you have gone into this on a commercial basis so will not allow the special reliefs."

To be treated as a business, the property does not have to be in a conventional holiday location but it must be available as a holiday let for at least 140 days a year and actually let for at least 70. For seven months out of the 12, the property must not be occupied by the same tenant for more than 31 consecutive days.

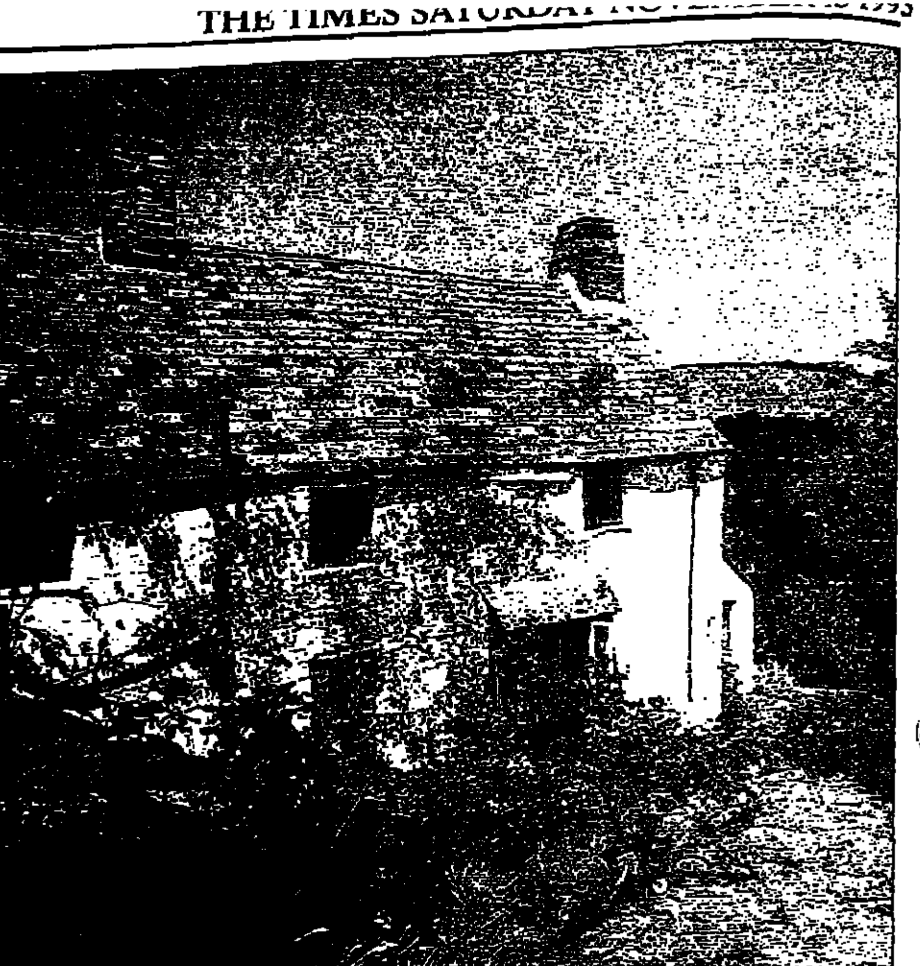
This is to make sure it is genuinely used for holidays. The property (which can include caravans) must be furnished and in the UK and a commercial rent must be charged. Allowing friends to use it at a nominal price will not count.

If the Revenue refuses, Mr Tappin said: "You then fall back on the traditional rules for letting which say you must actually let the property for six months of the year and have it available for let throughout the year. With a holiday property the chances are that it won't be let for six months so you could end up by getting no relief at all for any of the interest. You could make an actual loss but be taxed on a notional profit. We have had several near misses and I have had some hard battles to stop this happening."

Provided these qualifications are met, though, all the costs involved in buying the property and renting it out can be offset against tax. Tax relief can be claimed on the interest on a loan, however large this is. There is no reason why the property should not be operated as a business now and then become a retirement home having been bought with unlimited tax relief.

It is easier to get a second mortgage for a holiday home from a bank than a building society. While the loan is being repaid, losses are likely and these can be offset against future profits or against tax being paid now on any other income, including paid employment taxed under PAYE.

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Insurers alter phrasing of questions on Aids

MANY people have been discouraged from taking an HIV test for fear that, irrespective of the result, it will disqualify them from obtaining life insurance (Jill Insley writes). But, following discussions between the health department and the Association of British Insurers, insurers have now agreed to change the wording on life insurance proposal forms.

Alarmed by the spread of Aids in the 1980s, life insurers started asking prospective policyholders whether they had been tested for the virus. This enabled them to charge much higher premiums or refuse cover altogether to those they suspected of being at risk.

Until recently, insurers' proposal forms have not distinguised between applicants who have been tested for routine purposes and those at high risk. For example, Sun Alliance's old proposal form asked: "Have you ever received, or have you any reason for expecting to receive any counselling, medical advice, treatment or tests, in connection with Aids, hepatitis, or any sexually transmitted disease?" Those who answered yes would usually be asked to complete a further "lifestyle" form, detailing when and why the test had been taken.

To combat applicants' worries, the health department has asked insurers to alter proposal forms so they can spell out the reasons for an HIV test or counselling.

A Terrence Higgins Trust spokesman believes the changes are insufficient. He said insurers should simply ask whether an applicant had tested positively for HIV.

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Arjo Wiggn	2,400	Courtaulds	2,400	Nth Wst W	525	SmKl Bch	4,600
AB Foods	132	Enterpr Oil	544	Nthn Fds	430	Smith Nph	1,400
BAA	483	Forte	1,100	P & O	903	Southern Elec	812
BAT Inds	5,200	GRE	172	Pearson	1,600	Std Chartd	1,400
BOC	722	GUS	733	PowerGen	1,400	Sun Allnce	3,300
BP	7,600	Gen Acc	318	Prudential	2,000	TI Gp	1,200
BT	6,600	Gen Elec	6,400	RMC	759	TSB	1,400
BTR	6,100	Glaxo	3,600	RTZ	2,100	Tesco	10,000
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Barclays	1,900	Grand Met	3,400	Reckitt Col	657	Thrn EMI	1,500
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Blue Circle	3,500	HSBC	3,600	Reed Intl	859	Unilever	4,300
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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3087.0	3117.0	3075.0	3113.0	18900
Previous open interest: 66760	Mar 94	3103.0	3129.5	3098.0	3130.5	329
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.41	94.46	94.40	94.45	19835
Previous open interest: 375931	Mar 94	94.61	94.66	94.61	94.64	10445
	Jun 94	94.67	94.69	94.66	94.69	3222
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.45	96.45	96.44	96.47	308
Previous open interest: 12660	Mar 94	96.38	96.38	96.37	96.42	108
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.85	93.90	93.85	93.89	31980
Previous open interest: 707692	Mar 94	94.55	94.59	94.55	94.58	27666
Long Gilt	Dec 93	113-23	114-25	113-18	114-22	85837
Previous open interest: 107269	Mar 94	113-19	114-01	113-19	114-00	59
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	115.01	115.01	114.81	115.05	434
	Mar 94	114.21	114.26	114.01	114.26	1581
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	99.34	99.74	99.26	99.67	115877
Previous open interest: 181099	Mar 94	99.46	99.81	99.35	99.74	3003
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	102.44	102.61	102.42	102.60	2015
Previous open interest: 24751	Mar 94	102.66	102.66	102.66	102.76	9
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.06	93.15	93.06	93.14	1277
Previous open interest: 33512	Mar 94	93.86	93.90	93.85	93.89	514
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.56	95.61	95.56	95.61	2967
Previous open interest: 51542	Mar 94	96.07	96.14	96.06	96.13	6960
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	115.16	115.61	114.95	115.35	43571
Previous open interest: 96527	Mar 94	114.85	115.35	114.85	115.12	206

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.7 (day's range 80.6-80.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8086-2.8262	2.8086-2.8120	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	53.40-53.72	53.40-53.51	13-17ds	37-46ds
Copenhagen	9.9470-10.0360	9.9760-9.9980	1⅝-2¼ds	5¼-6½ds
Dublin	1.0520-1.0550	1.0522-1.0545	4-7ds	17-23ds
Frankfurt	2.5017-2.5182	2.5091-2.5123	⅛-¼ds	⅜-½ds
Lisbon	256.66-257.82	257.34-257.82	112-150ds	333-395ds
Madrid	201.91-203.29	202.25-202.47	62-72ds	187-220ds
Milan	2448.10-2465.30	2448.10-2452.10	6-7ds	19-21ds
Montreal	1.9320-1.9541	1.9401-1.9430	0.28-0.23pr	0.51-0.44pr
New York	1.4751-1.4830	1.4790-1.4800	0.33-0.32pr	0.83-0.81pr
Oslo	10.8730-10.9450	10.8730-10.8960	⅜pr-par	¾pr-par
Paris	8.6950-8.7570	8.7050-8.7270	⅝-1ds	2¼-2¾ds
Stockholm	12.1260-12.2350	12.1260-12.1650	1⅝-2⅜ds	4⅞-6⅛ds
Tokyo	156.84-157.84	156.84-157.11	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	17.56-17.76	17.68-17.72	¼-1¼ds	1¾-3⅜ds
Zurich	2.2111-2.2290	2.2111-2.2141	¼-⅛pr	⅝-½pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4773-1.4799
Australia dollar	2.2480-2.2513
Bahrain dinar	0.5505-0.5625
Brazil cruzeiro *	291.02-292.41
Cyprus pound	0.748-0.758
Finland marka	8.5445-8.6605
Greece drachma	365.25-362.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.4450-11.4542
India rupee	45.85-46.81
Kuwait dinar KD	0.436-0.446
Malaysia ringgit	3.7770-3.7810
Mexico peso	4.60-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7502-2.7546
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.477-5.603
Singapore dollar	2.3592-2.3623
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3099-6.3881
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Australia	1.5179-1.5196
Austria	11.95-11.96
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Canada	1.3138-1.3143
Denmark	6.7610-6.7685
France	5.9040-5.9090
Germany	1.6983-1.6993
Hong Kong	7.7253-7.7263
Ireland	1.3996-1.4011
Italy	1662.0-1663.0
Japan	106.39-106.44
Malaysia	2.5503-2.5513
Netherlands	1.9059-1.9069
Norway	7.3743-7.3818
Portugal	173.50-173.80
Singapore	1.5930-1.5940
Spain	137.17-137.27
Sweden	8.2321-8.2421
Switzerland	1.5030-1.5040

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 3½ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth 5⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth: 5 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5½	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5½	5⅛-5⅛
	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5½	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 3 .

Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.37-3.33	3.42-3.39	3.63-3.60
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

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Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6½-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-5⅞	7-6
French Franc:	7-6½	6⅞-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅛-6⅛	7½-6½
Swiss Franc:	4½-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $376.80-377.20 Close: $375.20-375.70 High: $377.30-377.80 Low: $374.70-375.20 Krugerrand: $374.00-377.00 (£252.00-254.00)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00) New $86.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $377.75 (£255.00) **Silver:** $4.53 (£3.065) **Palladium:** $129.25 (£87.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	550	24½	34½	40½	23½	30½	42½
(*551½)	600	7½	19½	21½	59	63	73½
Argyll	240	24½	31	35	8	11½	18
(*257½)	260	13	21	25	18	21½	28
ASDA	50	5	7	9	4	5½	6½
(*50½)	60	2	3½	5½	11	12½	13
Boots	500	29	41½	50	14½	22	31
(*514)	550	8	18	26½	47	51½	58½
Br Airways	390	25	36½	45	17½	22	31½
(*398)	420	12½	22½	29½	36	39½	48
BP	330	32½	39½	45½	5	9	13
(*357)	360	14½	22	28½	16	21½	25
Br Steel	120	12	15½	20	6½	9½	12½
(*124½)	130	7	11	15	12	15	17½
C & W	475	38	50½	62	13	19	26
(*497)	500	24	35	48½	24	31	37½
CU	600	27	35½	46½	18½	31½	33½
(*602)	650	7½	15½	24½	51½	62½	63½
ICI	657	46½	—	—	14	—	—
(*680)	681	31½	—	—	24	—	—
Kingfishr	650	36	53	61½	19½	28½	39
(*660)	700	13½	29	38	48½	58½	66½
Land Sec	700	27½	43½	50	20½	27	38½
(*708)	750	8	20½	27½	53	56	67½
M & S	390	23	32	37	11	15	21½
(*401)	420	9	17½	22½	28	31	37
Nat West	550	33	41½	51½	15½	29	34
(*561)	600	11	18½	29½	46	59½	63½
Sainsbury	360	23½	32	41½	15½	20	27
(*365)	390	11	19	26½	34½	38½	45
Shell	650	55	61	69	7	16	20
(*690)	700	22½	29½	41	24	39	43
Smkl Bch	390	36½	46	55½	13	20½	27
(*410½)	420	20½	30½	40½	27½	35	41½
Storehse	180	14	18½	22	7½	11½	14
(*186)	200	5½	9	12½	20½	23½	26
Trafalgar	90	9	12½	15	5½	7	9½
(*94½)	100	4½	8	10½	11	13	15½
Unilever	1050	61½	78	93	19½	33½	42
(*1087½)	1100	31½	49½	65	41½	58½	65½
Zeneca	750	39½	51½	62½	25½	47	54½
(*757½)	800	17	29	42	56½	73	84½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	40½	44½	50½	9½	14½	18
(*389½)	390	22	27½	37½	23½	28½	32
Ladbroke	160	18½	21½	24	8	14	15½
(*167½)	180	9	12½	15½	19½	26	27½
Utd Bisc	300	40½	44	48	5½	11½	15
(*328)	330	21½	25½	31	17	26½	30

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	850	51½	59½	80½	1½	12½	21
(*899)	900	13	27½	50	15	33½	42½
Thames W	500	23	34½	47	3½	9½	15
(*529)	550	1½	11½	22	32	36½	40½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	18½	36	42½	5	18½	28
(*511½)	525	6	—	—	18	—	—
BTR	330	32½	39½	42	1	4	8
(*359½)	360	7	19	22½	7	14½	20½
Br Aero	420	20½	—	54	8½	33	37½
(*430)	460	3	24½	35½	34½	53½	61
Br Telcm	460	9	19½	28½	5½	18½	22½
(*463)	500	1	6	12½	38½	46½	48
Cadbury	453	21½	34	39	3	11½	21
(*469½)	493	2½	15	18	26½	32½	43½
Guinness	420	12	29	36	6	17½	26½
(*423½)	460	1½	12	18	38	43½	52
GEC	330	7½	17½	24½	4½	13	16
(*333)	360	1	6	11	23½	32½	34
Hanson	260	19	24	27	1	5½	8½
(*278)	280	4	11½	16	6	13½	17½
LASMO	120	11	18	21	2	7	11
(*128½)	130	4	12	16½	4½	11½	16
Lucas	160	16½	23½	26½	1½	7	10½
(*173½)	180	2½	13	15	9	16	20½
Pilkingtn	140	11	16	19½	2	8	11
(*147½)	160	1½	6	11	14½	20½	23
Prudential	330	10	23	28½	4½	12	18½
(*336)	360	1	9	12½	26	31	37½
Redland	500	28	48	55½	3½	14½	29
(*524)	550	3	21½	30	29½	40	57
Royal Ins	288	21½	31½	—	1½	6½	—
(*306)	317	3	15	—	13½	20½	—
Tesco	180	8	17	22	3½	8½	15
(*185½)	200	1½	8	13½	17½	19	27½
Vodafone	500	48½	67½	82½	2	17	26
(*544)	550	13	39	55½	17½	39	49½
Williams	300	29½	38	41½	1	5½	11½
(*327½)	330	5½	18½	23½	8	16½	25

FT-SE INDEX (*3098½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Nov	161	113	66	28	8	2
Dec	180	137	100	68	43	26
Jan	199	161	124	94	69	47
Feb	220	181	146	115	88	65
Jun	—	222	—	160	—	114
Puts						
Nov	2	5	8	21	53	102
Dec	17	24	37	56	82	116
Jan	32	44	57	77	103	130
Feb	45	56	71	90	114	143
Jun	—	89	—	127	—	180

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	22	32	36	7	17	21½
(*401½)	420	6½	16½	22	23½	34	38
Amstrad	50	5	7½	9	3	5	6½
(*51½)	60	1½	3½	5	10	12	13
Barclays	550	36½	50½	58½	7½	18½	25
(*574½)	600	9½	24	34	32½	45	51
Blue Circ	280	22½	35½	39	5	12	19
(*295½)	300	9½	22½	26	14	21½	29½
Br Gas	300	21	29	32½	4	7½	13
(*315)	330	4½	12	16½	18½	20	29
Dixons	260	25½	34½	41	5½	13½	17½
(*278)	280	13½	23½	30	13½	22½	27
Forte	220	14½	23½	26½	5½	11½	17½
(*227)	240	4½	14½	17	17	23	29
Hillsdwn	140	10½	17	19½	4½	9	14½
(*145)	160	2½	8	11	18	21½	28
Lonrho	120	12½	17½	20½	3½	9½	11
(*127)	130	6½	13	16	8½	14½	16½
Sears	110	10½	14	15½	2	4	6½
(*117)	120	4	8	9½	6½	8½	11½
Thrn Emi	900	49	66	85	12	30	37½
(*929½)	950	18½	39½	57½	36	56½	63
Tomkins	220	18½	25	29½	3½	8½	11½
(*233)	240	5½	14	18½	13	19	22
TSB	220	9½	16	20½	7	14½	17
(*221½)	240	3	7½	12	21½	27	29
Wellcome	650	38½	65½	80	22½	39	49
(*677½)	700	18½	42½	57	52	66½	75½
	Series	Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	650	33	61	81	24½	50	60½
(*654½)	700	15	41	59½	56	79	89½
HSBC	750	42½	68	80	15½	42½	54
(*771½)	800	16½	42½	56	42	70	80½
Reuter	1650	61	114	144½	45	87	105½
(*1652½)	1700	37	90	118½	74½	117	130½
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	156	16	21	—	3	7½	—
(*167)	176	6½	11	—	13½	17½	—
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	140	9	17	22	8½	14	20½
(*142½)	160	3	9½	15	24	27	34
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Ele	550	40	50½	59½	1½	11	15½
(*586½)	600	5	20½	31	18	33½	38
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	390	17	28	35	8½	15½	21½
(*400)	420	5½	14	20½	27½	32½	38
Scot Pwr	390	12	20½	28	10	18½	20
(*390)	420	3	9½	15	31½	39½	39½

November 12, 1993 Tot: 53332 Call: 32370 Put: 20962 FT-SE Call: 4145 Put: 9050
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Further losses were seen in coffee following a technical move by the Brazilian government to side-step its commitment to buy 250,000 bags of coffee by Monday through a series of auctions, but now claims that it already holds the stock. This is because one department already holds one million bags as collateral against loans given to producers to fund this years coffee harvest.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	929-928	Mar	963-960
Mar	972-970	May	963-962
May	978-976	Jul	970-965
Jul	977 BID	Sep	973-972
Sep	979-978		
Dec	952-951		Volume: 6500

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1197-1193	Jul	1175-1170
Jan	1207-1204	Sep	1176-1175
Mar	1192-1189	Nov	1177-1172
May	1179-1176		Volume: 3741

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.52-10.70
Spot: 258.5		Jan	unq
Mar	10.18-10.25	Mar	unq
May	10.44-10.60	May	unq
Jul	10.73-10.85		Volume: 127

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	280.0-79.0
Spot: 287.0		Oct	269.5-67.0
Dec	279.5-79.0	Dec	270.4-66.5
Mar	272.5-71.5	Mar	272.5-69.5
May	275.0-74.0		Volume: 1497

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	72.23	85.85	118.70
(+/-)	+1.86	+4.54	-2.04
Eng/Wales:	72.23	85.78	118.24
(+/-)	+1.86	+4.29	-2.45
(%)	+4.8	-9.6	-46.3
Scotland:	n/a	86.90	121.07
(+/-)	n/a	+6.70	+1.67
(%)	n/a	-53.2	-28.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	98.35
Jan	100.50
Mar	102.40
May	104.35
Jun	105.60
	Volume: 245

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	101.75
Jan	103.85
Mar	105.90
May	107.60
Sep	92.75
	Volume: 86

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	97.5
Apr	85.5	87.5
May	101.0	104.0
		Volume: 235

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Dec ______ 60.50-61.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A pre-weekend clearance sale found crude levels collapsing.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.95	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Nov)	14.95	-0.40
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.35	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	16.55	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	16.90	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	172 (-1)	174 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	161 (-5)	162 (-6)
Non EEC 1H Nov	167 (-1)	169 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Dec	166 (-2)	168 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (-1)	62 (-1)
Naphtha	149 (n/c)	150 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Dec	160.75-61.00	Mar	158.50-58.75
Jan	160.00-60.25	Apr	158.00 BID
Feb	159.25-59.50	May	158.00 BID
			Vol: 12580

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	15.33-15.35	Mar	16.16 SLR
Jan	15.67-15.69	Apr	n/a
Feb	15.96 SLR		Vol: 40358

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	158.00-61.00	Mar	n/a
Jan	165.00 SLR	Apr	177.00 SLR
Feb	n/a		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	1340	1325	1329
Dec 93	1350	1335	1333
Jan 94	1340	1335	1335
Apr 94	1355	1340	1340

Vol: 129 lots. Open int'st: 2903 Index 1317 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1645.0-1645.5	1667.5-1668.0	846725
Lead ($/tonne)	397.00-398.00	411.50-412.50	64900
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	935.00-936.00	952.50-953.00	602675
Tin ($/tonne)	4620.0-4625.0	4674.0-4675.0	7620
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1052.5-1053.0	1073.5-1074.0	2606650
Nickel ($/tonne)	4520.0-4525.0	4585.0-4590.0	57726

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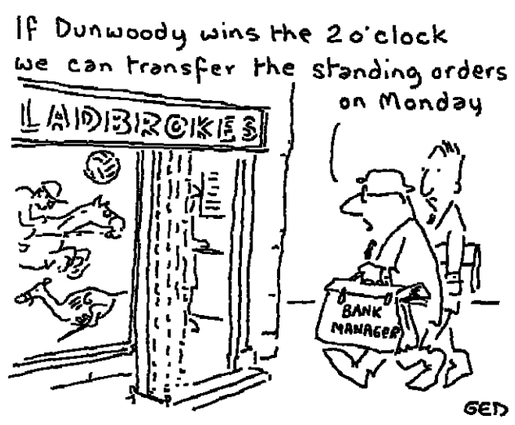
Pep experience fails to please

From Canon P. C. Collins
Sir, I feel sure that those of your readers investing in personal equity plan (Pep) funds would like to be warned by my recent experience.

In April 1992, my managers purchased on my behalf, without any indication of the possible risk involved, some shares (Bimec Industries) at 55p per share. I have now received a letter from the said managers, recommending that the shares be sold at 5p each, representing a loss of something like 90 per cent of the capital.

I was always under the impression that Pep was a sound way of investing money, subject, of course, to the normal market fluctuations, but it is obvious that more safeguards are required, in order to protect investors in such cases.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. COLLINS,
College of St Barnabas,
Lingfield,
Surrey.



Six-day mystery standing order

From Miss Jacqui Harrison
Sir, A standing order for £200 goes out of my current account on the first day of every month.

It does not, however, enter the recipient's account until the eighth of the month.

I am intrigued as to where the money goes during the missing six days, and who earns the interest on it.

In the age of computerisation, is this timescale really necessary, or are the banks making a quick buck?

Yours faithfully,
JACQUI HARRISON,
The Nutshell,
Braintree Road,
Great Dunmow,
Essex.

Revenue charges interest on its own late bills

From Mr David Edwards
Sir, The letter from Marian Daunt (November 6) describes a similar situation to that I experienced when settling my late mother's affairs.

As is usual, I submitted my own valuation of her estate for probate. I had to wait four months for the probate interview, when I was informed that the district valuer was being asked to value my mother's house.

Although tax on the property element of the estate was not due until six months after death, shortage of staff at the Probate Office not only caused the delay in arranging the interview, but resulted in the final tax demand not arriving until ten months after the death. The demand included a charge for four months' interest as a six months' "grace" had been exceeded.

I withheld payment of the interest and pointed out to the Inland Revenue that the delay in my payment was due entirely to the fact that they had not sent me the bill within the six months deadline. Their reply, quoting from their regulations, stated that interest was to be charged if payment of the tax due was not received within six months "for whatever reason". I challenged their interpretation of the regulations, pointing out it could never be intended to include by the phrase "for whatever reason" the inefficiency of the Probate Office in not sending out the bill until the six-month period had passed.

This produced a further explanation that until I paid the bill, it was deemed that I was receiving interest on the money (which was not the case as I drew money from a current account to facilitate immediate payment). "The Inland Revenue is entitled to receive the interest earned on money due to them, when it is not received by the due date," they explained.

I also had my solicitor write to the Inland Revenue on this point, but they just repeated their previous response.

Without doubt, the Revenue are using this interpretation of the rules to protect themselves from their own inefficiency. What organisation in the private sector could hope to get away with charging interest to a customer if they were late in sending out their bills?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID EDWARDS,
102 Northcote Road,
New Malden, Surrey.

Paying a penalty for making an exit

From Mr Charles Scott
Sir, Whose side is the Securities and Investments Board on? Sara McConnell informs us ("Paying the penalty for cashing units in early", October 23) that the SIB has told unit trust companies that it sees no reason why they should not levy exit charges.

Unit trust companies already make an initial up-front charge and levy an annual management fee for the privilege of looking after our hard-earned savings. Now, they are "invited" to charge the poor, hapless investor an additional "tax" if one requires to sell all or part of an investment.

If the investor has done his homework and chosen a high-performance unit trust, not only is he going to pay capital gains if his gains exceed £5,800 currently, but, now, he will be faced with an additional, quite unjustified "tax".

If one has invested in a poor performer, and they do exist, one is going to face a totally unjustifiable charge for having the sense to get out.

I wouldn't have thought this was the way to encourage people to invest in unit trusts, most of which, over the years, have provided such a good variety of investment to meet one's every need.

Surely the SIB is there to look after the interests of the small investors. I would have hoped that most unit trust companies were capable of looking after themselves.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SCOTT,
Lopcombe Corner,
Near Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Unhappy returns from unit trusts

From Mr Alan Jenkins
Sir, The relentless increases in unit trust charges are jeopardising the value of these products to investors seeking income.

A typical annual management charge of 1.5 per cent, often plus little-known custodians' and trustees' charges and value-added tax (where applicable), often results in 1.75 per cent of the fund value being deducted from a gross yield of 5 per cent. This means that, typically, about 35 per cent of the gross income is being taken as charges.

This is far too high, particularly as the hapless unitholder has also probably paid a bid offer spread of 6 per cent or more for the privilege of handing over his money to the unit trust company.

Once income tax has been deducted from the remaining income, the return begins to look rather one-sided, and it is hard to escape the conclusion that most income unit trusts provide rather better returns for those who sell and manage them than for the investor.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN JENKINS,
6 Wisley Road, SW11.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.61	3.61	2.89	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.56	3.56	2.85	5,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.09	3.09	2.47	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.14	3.14	2.51	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.66	3.66	2.93	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
"	3.66	3.66	2.93	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
"	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.26	3.31	2.65	2,500‡	none	031-442 77 7
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 259891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 559864
Lloyds HICA	0.75	0.75	0.60	1,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Press A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inest Cheque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Bristol & West	5.33	5.33	4.28	50,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Mid	5.51	5.51	4.41	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.73	4.73	3.78	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	5.81	5.81	4.65	50,000 min	90 day	——
The Leeds	5.36	5.36	4.29	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
North of England	5.25	5.25	4.20	25,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	30 day	——
St Pancras	5.59	5.59	4.47	25,000 min	60 day	——
Woolwich	6.00	6.00	4.80	100,000 min	90 day	——
Newcastle	5.44	5.44	4.35	5,000 min	1 year	——
Compiled by Chase de Vere Moneyline - call 071 404 5768 for further details						
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-24,999	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 766151
6th Index Linkd†*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Ntl	404	...	11.8	3.7	15.6
290	179	Allied Irish	276	-7	...	3.8	14.1
201	130	Ans New Z	196	+4	...	4.5	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2709½	-31¼	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	288	-7	...	4.4	21.1
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
190	116½	Bank Scotland	189	-2	4.6	3.1	25.7
584	362	Barclays	576	+4	...	2.7	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	19	-2½	...	...	...
995	395	Cater Allen	955	...	27.0	6.1	...
153	85	Cattles	142	...	...	4.0	18.9
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2175	-26¼	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2462½	-12¼	...	...	...
465	250	Close Bros	458	...	...	3.0	16.7
£149½	9275	Commerzbk	£137½	-262½	...	2.9	...
£342½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£329	-457½	...	1.9	...
65	45	First Nat Fin	59	+3	...	1.1	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	465	...	21.5	5.9	12.2
775	490	HSBC	771½	+1½	20.0	3.2	18.5
785	474	HSBC HK	782	...	20.0	3.2	18.7
403	243	Hambros	358	+3	14.3	5.1	16.3
428	313	Joseph (L)	419	...	16.0	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	144	...	9.0	7.8	...
530	312	Kleinwort Ben	507	-1	16.7	4.1	17.6
591	492	Lloyds	564	+1	19.1	4.2	16.1
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	94½	...	2.9	3.8	18.7
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	560	+8	...	3.6	20.0
586	398	Nat West	562	+7	17.8	4.0	34.1
460	270	Provident	419	...	12.4	3.7	18.1
54	39	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.3	55.3
368	207	Ryl Bk Scot	356	+7	9.0	3.2	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1230	-13	...	1.2	24.5
1088	576	Stand Chart	1047	-8	20.5	2.5	...
229	145½	TSB	222	-3	6.4	3.6	...
190	78	Union Disc	168	...	...	...	...
940	529	Warburg SG	933	-15	...	3.0	12.1
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	7587½	-106¼	...	2.6	...
205	121	Westpac	197	+3	...	4.0	...
325	188	Wintrust	320	...	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
648	517	Allied-Lyons	550	-2	...	4.5	14.9
647	441	Bass	466	-1	19.1	5.1	10.1
299	189	Boddington	246	-4	7.5	3.8	14.3
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	439	...	...	2.9	19.2
167	129	Burtonwood Brw	167	+14	4.7	3.6	13.9
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	125	+1	...	3.3	33.1
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	66½	...	...	3.9	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	405	...	...	2.3	17.4
460	377	Grand Met	386	+1	12.5	4.1	12.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	362	-1	12.0	4.2	12.0
575	505	Greene King	569	...	...	2.7	16.1
521	388	Guinness	424	-4	...	3.6	15.9
281	230	Hardy Hanson	254	...	7.8	3.8	14.1
138	105	Heavitree▲	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
353	255	Highland Distl	336	-4	...	2.6	16.0
3138	2538	Hon J	3100	+50	42.0	1.7	20.2
80	33	Hoskins Brew	71	-1	...	...	51.1
323	250	Invergordn Dis	300	...	...	3.0	17.1
186	126	Macallan-Glen	126	-3	4.3	4.3	28.3
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	393	...	...	2.8	18.7
225	164	Mansfield	193	-5	...	2.5	15.8
294	231	Mrstn Thmp	272	...	...	2.5	16.4
531	286½	Matthew Clark	531	-11	...	4.2	17.7
300	244	Mrydwn W	244	...	7.0	3.6	19.3
545	455	Morland	518	...	8.7	2.1	20.6
12	6½	Paramount▲	6½	-½	...	2.1	∞
199	145	Regent Inns	187	...	...	3.0	19.0
1088	753	SA Breweries	1065	+51	...	2.5	18.0
482	393	Scot & New	466	-1	...	4.5	14.5
225	181	Taunton Cider	192	...	6.0	3.9	15.7
269	213	Vaux Group	266	-1	9.3	4.4	18.3
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	327 †	-7	...	2.1	25.4
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	483	+1	...	4.6	13.0
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1148	-12	...	1.9	28.8
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	464	-4	11.8	3.2	13.0
515	475	Young 'A'	473	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25½	12½	Albrighton▲	19	+1	...	...	...
148	87	Allen▲	140	...	5.0	4.5	31.7
120	65	Amec	112	...	3.0	3.3	20.7
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	150	Ashtead▲	322 †	...	...	1.8	34.1
142	101	Attwoods	135	...	5.0	4.7	∞
276	180	BPB Ind	258	-3	...	3.6	44.4
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	90	...	3.1	4.3	30.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.6	2.8	...
108	74	Barcom	87	-1	1.2	1.8	19.0
56½	32½	Bardon	39	-½	2.0	6.4	19.2
195	94	Barratt Devs	175	-1	4.0	2.9	∞
460	305	Bellway	453	-1	12.0	3.4	∞
43	15	Bellwinch	39	-1	...	...	...
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	427	-4	...	1.8	26.8
116	45	Bett Bros	95	...	...	0.7	3.9
63	36	Blockleys	54	...	1.0	2.3	59.7
306	189	Blue Circle	296	-1	...	4.8	...
295	230	Boot (Henry)	269 †	...	6.0	2.8	15.0
106	78	Breedon PLC	90	...	4.6	6.4	22.1
125	62	Br Dredging	124 †	-1	5.2	5.2	27.5
86	45	Bri Fttings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
151	99	Bryant	139	...	...	4.3	28.1
121	53	CALA	121	...	...	2.4	...
328	200	CRH	320	-4	...	2.7	17.6
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	26½	-½	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	146	-1	...	3.5	38.6
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	95	...	0.0	...	...
112	22	Cussins	91	...	...	1.4	...
7½	1½	Dunton▲	4	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
278	178	Epwin	274	...	7.0	3.2	23.2
59	32	Erith	55	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	504	...	...	2.5	18.2
6½	3	Explaura▲	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	1.0	3.3	∞
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	3.1	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	150½	-7½	...	2.7	26.8
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
358	186	Heywd Wm	350	-2	12.5	4.5	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	111 †	...	2.5	2.8	...
38	26	How Gp	29	...	...	5.2	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	13½	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	299	-1	9.0	3.8	12.0
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	123	...	...	6.5	...
103	55	Ln Clydesdale▲	103	...	4.5	5.5	38.8
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	7.0	...
350	240	Manders	300	...	9.3	3.9	18.4
168	93	Marley	158	-3	4.2	3.3	46.3
115	61	Marshalls	107	...	...	4.7	73.7
186	122	Maunders (J)	186	...	5.1	3.5	∞
217	96	Mcalpine (A)	206	-3	6.5	3.9	35.7
47	23	McCarthy & S	40	-1	0.5	1.6	...
445	272	Meyer Intl	440	...	...	2.8	44.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	120	...	4.0	4.2	...
160	51	NSM	150	...	...	...	...
53	49	Needler ▲	50	...	...	3.6	23.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	150	...	...	5.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	285	-2	8.6	3.8	29.1
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochin	1525	...	29.0	2.4	21.5
163	80	Prowting	150	+2	3.4	2.9	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti▲	1½	...	...	...	...
840	555	RMC Gp	828	...	...	3.0	31.1
117	75½	Raine Ind	76½	+½	...	4.9	18.1
36	18	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	526	+2	25.0	5.9	30.6
86	64	Roskel	85	-1	4.3	6.3	12.5
296	207	Rugby Group	278	...	6.4	2.9	21.3
68	23	Svrfld-Rve▲	67	...	...	0.5	...
161	68	Sharpe & Fisher	160	...	...	3.1	27.8
241	86½	Sheffield Insl	230	-2	...	2.9	56.4
175	82	Sherif Hldgs▲	175	...	...	1.6	26.1
95	66	Shorco▲	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.9	∞
6½	2½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	134	-2	5.5	5.1	...
194	137	Tay Homes	177	...	...	4.1	21.0
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	116	-1	1.0	1.1	...
633	433	Tilbury Dough	595	-3	33.0	6.9	19.4
39	19	Torex Hire▲	36	...	...	1.4	...
282	168	Travis Perkins	277	...	8.0	3.6	48.8
40	25	Try Group	26	-1	1.0	4.8	7.4
28	21	Tudor▲	21	-2	...	1.5	...
99	41	Vibroplant	98	...	2.5	3.2	35.6
65	20	Ward Hldgs	38	-2	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	300	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
21½	6½	Wescol▲	18	...	...	...	...
174	90	Westbury	170	-3	5.0	3.7	26.3
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	-½	...	...	...
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	413 †	-1	...	2.7	29.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	181	-1	3.9	2.7	31.4
194	104	Wimpey G	165	+2	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	600	-3	...	...	...
248	198	Adam & Harvey	247	...	13.0	6.7	4.4
92	56	Air London▲	61 †	...	...	7.2	∞
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	93	Auto Sec	137	-1	...	5.6	24.6
138	84	BET Ord	126 †	+½	...	2.2	5.1
111	41	BNB Res	109 †	...	4.9	5.6	...
318	258	BPP	310	-1	8.3	3.3	17.1
285	195	Barbour Index	235	...	8.0	4.3	16.0
28	15	Bousnead	27	...	0.7	3.2	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	254	-3	4.7	2.3	18.5
26	11	Broadcastle▲	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
73	54	Brooks Service	62 †	...	...	1.0	...
109	86	CRT Gp	95	...	...	3.7	16.8
195	139½	Capita Group	190	...	...	1.5	29.7
45½	31	Casket Plc	40½	-1	...	2.8	15.4
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22	-½	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	-½	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	355	+3	...	1.7	22.0
100	90	Comac▲	91 †	+1	...	2.1	23.8
37	6½	Corp Services	37	...	...	...	...
84	20	Coutts Cnsltg	81	...	...	...	...
157	50	Dart	137	...	3.3	3.0	18.6
256	148	Davis Service	213	-1	...	4.7	16.0
104	85	EW Fact▲	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
32	11	Gardiner	25	-1	0.4	2.1	17.3
277	215	Hays	247	-11	5.3	2.7	∞
348	174	Hogg Robinsn	235	...	...	3.5	17.1
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
265	127	Hutch Whamp	262	-3	...	1.8	21.9
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2050	-12½	...	1.0	14.1
637	475	Inchcape	502	+9	...	3.5	16.4
875	644	Johnson Clean	868	...	25.7	3.7	18.9
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1187	805	Manpower	1114	-4	...	...	...
112	40½	Michael Page	99½	...	1.8	3.8	25.3
279	124	Penna▲	124	-3	...	8.1	4.6
4½	2	Prime People▲	3½	...	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	70	-1	...	24.7	4.2
423	337	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.5
118	86	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
108	43	Reed Executive	97	-4	...	...	...
156	108	Reliance Sec▲	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
239	178	Rentokil	303	-1	2.5	1.5	25.3
263	220	Rolfe & Nolan	277	...	...	3.2	15.6
390	334	Salvesen (C)	353	-4	...	2.8	19.4
39	26	Scott Pickford▲	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select Appt▲	8	...	...	...	...
1213	695	Seron Gp	1213	...	13.3	7.4	33.6
352	83	Sherwd Cmpt▲	98	+10	...	9.2	2.8
130	90	Sketchley	105	-3	...	3.6	23.8
355	310	Warner Howrd	338	-7	6.6	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	29	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	27	...	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	228	-1	...	2.4	20.1
957	615	Amersham	641	+5	...	1.8	32.5
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£112	8325	BASF DM	£106½	-96¼	...	6.2	...
300	199	BTP	282	-2	...	4.1	19.4
£129½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£127½	-112¼	...	4.3	...
176	118	Blagden	134	...	6.5	6.1	14.4
165	93	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.1	10.4
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	393	-1	...	...	...
29	7½	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	22.2	20.1
180	126	Canning (W)	156	...	7.2	5.8	17.0
606	463	Courtaulds	484	+16	...	3.6	12.9
337	228	Croda	333	...	...	3.0	19.1
149	121	Doeflex	123	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
225	175	Ellis & Everard	209	-1	...	4.2	20.0
42½	15½	Euro Colour	39½	-2	0.8	2.8	24.0
344	259	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	152	Hickson	152	-3	...	6.6	14.1
£116	8850	Hoechst	£106½	-137½	...	3.4	...
239	195	Holliday Chem	223	...	...	2.1	20.5
740½	608	ICI	680	-2	...	5.1	...
693	576	Laporte	687	-6	19.0	3.8	18.1
230	181	Leigh	206	-2	...	4.8	19.0
97½	35	MTM	48½	-1½	...	...	...
2025	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1975	+12½	...	1.4	28.1
464	370	Paterson Zoch	445 †	...	12.6	3.5	∞
420	360	-do- 'A'	405 †	...	12.6	3.9	∞
296	199	Plysu	207	-2	...	4.2	13.5
303	173	Porvair	295	...	3.8	1.6	31.5
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	48	-1	...	...	...
495	412	Wardle Storeys	438	+3	17.2	5.1	∞
535	395	Wlstnhlme R	535	...	17.0	4.0	18.3
425	330	Yorks Chem	421	-3	...	2.3	22.5
300	255	Yule Catto	357	...	...	2.4	16.0
799	593	Zeneca	754	...	...	4.6	44.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	71	-1	...	5.3	...
67	42	Amber Day	62	...	1.3	3.3	∞
358	257	Argos Plc	337	-1	...	2.7	28.8
25	9½	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.3	...
110	64	Ashley Laura	65	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	323	-1	5.1	2.0	22.4
154	94	Austin Reed	151	-1	...	2.1	...
156	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	...	...	5.0	15.5
121	94	Bentalls	110	...	1.9	2.2	...
279	153	Brittevare	153	-9	...	1.8	18.2
47	22	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
227	133	Body Shop	204 †	-1	...	1.1	26.3
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.8	6.6
434	318	Brown (N)	420 †	...	...	2.2	24.7
87½	64½	Burton	67½	+1½	2.0	3.8	∞
157	126	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.2	∞
360	295	Church	340	-5	12.5	4.6	30.3
183	97	Clinton Cards	155	-3	4.3	3.5	18.7
280½	212	Coats Viyella	265	-1	...	3.5	36.6
112	78	Colourvision▲	93	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
181	154	Cry Casuals	168 †	-2	...	3.1	15.6
830	374	Courts Furnish	804	...	5.5	0.8	30.3
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
130	80	Dairy Farm Intl	125	+1	...	2.9	18.4
91	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	89½	-1	0.8	1.1	28.7
285	189	Dixons Grp	278	-5	...	2.8	...
21	8	ERA Gp	12	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	157	...	...	2.8	∞
273	203	Etam	240	-1	7.0	3.7	21.8
604	490	Fine Art Dev	546	...	12.7	2.9	17.8
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
583	498	Forminster	580	...	14.0	3.0	10.5
180	24	French Conn▲	130	-1	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	71	...	2.1	3.7	∞
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	77	...	0.3	0.5	...
563	334	GUS	543	+9	...	2.5	17.4
40	23	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
27½	30	Hamstone	48	-1	...	7.3	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	25½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
75	29	Herzage▲	75	+1	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle▲	69 †	...	...	4.1	∞
161	63	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	2.4	12.0
691	496	Kingfisher	662	+8	...	2.6	22.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	565	-10	7.2	1.6	66.5
320	241	Lloyds Chem	274	...	7.2	3.3	∞
152	120	MFI	140	-3	...	3.3	29.4
406	311	Marks Spencer	402	+6	...	2.6	20.4
580	445	Menzies (John)	573	...	...	2.4	16.2
253	135	Moss Bros	250 †	...	5.5	2.8	29.4
212	139½	Next	186	-3	3.5	2.4	32.0
41	15	Oliver (G)	38	...	...	...	...
324	197	Oriflame Intl	303	...	...	4.0	14.8
63	38½	Pentos	44	...	0.8	2.3	9.2
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
58½	30½	Rhino Grp▲	58½#	...	...	...	...
169	120	Rosebys	168	...	...	3.6	20.2
181	135	Sherwood Gp	146	-2	...	2.2	13.2
119½	93	Sears	117	-1	...	3.7	...
41½	31	Signet Group	39	-1	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	465	...	...	3.8	15.2
20	4½	Specialeyes▲	18	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	186	+1	...	3.4	24.0
191	148	T & S Stores	154	-1	6.0	4.9	11.5
162	71	Tie Rack	145	-4	1.0	0.9	23.7
239	160	Time Products	224	-2	7.7	4.4	19.1
128	63	Usher (Frank)▲	104	-2	...	7.2	9.0
45	27	Viyas	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
68	34	Wensum▲	43	...	...	5.5	...
119	76	Wickes	108	-2	...	0.2	49.0
78	45	Wid of Leather▲	62	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale▲	175 †	...	...	3.0	21.2
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	159	-3	...	4.0	15.8
253	223	Acal▲	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	93	-5	...	...	47.1
480	385	Admiral	459	+1	5.7	1.5	19.8
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
50	19½	Alphameric	42	-1	...	...	...
51½	22	Amstrad	51½	+3	0.5	1.2	∞
128	61	App Holo▲	71	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arden	37	-1	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	76½	...	...	0.4	...
290	243	Beales Hunter	245	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	2	Bennett & Fountain	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	389	...	19.2	6.2	...
558	408	Blick	430	...	...	3.0	17.2
1700	925	Borland▲	1200	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	351	-3	6.4	2.3	22.8
478½	376	BT	462½	+1	...	4.4	17.6
228½	150	BT P/P	212	+½	...	4.8	9.7
15½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	89	Burnfield	89	-1	5.7	8.1	14.1
509	334½	Cable Wireless	497	+2	...	1.9	26.0
27½	11½	Chloride	22½	...	...	...	...
273	229	Cml Micro▲	268	...	...	2.2	19.5
115	74	Comptr People	110	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	144½	+½	...	1.3	14.8
433	263	Critchley	423	...	...	1.4	24.4
554	414	Delta	480	+6	...	3.6	20.1
393	205	Denmans Ele	393	...	...	2.5	...
620	395	Domino	434	-1	7.4	2.1	14.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	61	...	...	5.1	26.1
1190	865	Druck▲	1190	...	10.0	1.1	25.4
469	358	Electrocmpnts	455	-1	...	2.3	18.4
730	470	El Data Prc	705	-5	5.1	0.9	19.3
146	43	Electron House	130	...	2.6	2.5	28.5
30½	10½	Emess	21	...	0.1	0.6	...
632	462	Eurotherm	628	...	8.5	1.7	28.6
182	108	FKI	178	-3	...	2.1	26.1
509	340	Farnell Elect	503 †	-2	...	1.6	26.8
91	33	Feedback▲	69	+1	...	2.7	9.0
18	1½	Ferranti	1½	-½	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	272	-3	...	0.5	22.6
270	81	Forward Gp▲	235	...	...	1.8	21.2
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	334	...	10.3	3.9	16.8
199	132	Graseby	157	-1	...	8.7	33.0
14½	7½	Graystone	11½	...	...	...	...
40	36	Hitclare▲	40	...	...	1.6	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	154	-1	4.4	3.6	∞
388	323	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
88	26	Kalamazoo	83	...	2.1	3.2	19.3
19	8	Kembrey	13½	...	0.1	1.4	...
349	260	Kenwood App	324	-4	...	3.0	18.2
255	75	Kewill Sys▲	255	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	28	...	...	...	...
365	122	LSMS▲	245	-3	...	0.4	34.5
300	205	Lec Refrig	265	...	8.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	162	-2	3.7	3.6	14.3
285	164	Logica	271	...	...	1.8	31.2
35	14	LPA Ind▲	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	195	+1	...	3.3	18.3
718	523	Macro 4	680	-5	...	3.3	20.7
243	175½	Menvier-Swa	210	...	...	2.2	18.6
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1528	-5	...	...	14.1
177	147	Microgen	158	-1	7.2	5.7	10.8
35½	23½	Microvitec▲	30½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	523	-2	...	1.7	19.1
584	98	Mitel	473	-9	...	...	...
141	108	MMT Comp▲	141	+7	...	3.6	∞
50½	16	Molynx	41	...	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	252	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	103	Muirhead Elec	140	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
240	116	Murray Enter	235	...	...	2.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2900	+12½	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	131	...	2.6	2.5	16.9
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Norbain▲	262	...	...	0.7	20.2
75	20	Northamber	67	...	0.6	1.1	...
15½	7½	Oceonics	8½	-½	...	...	...
297	195	Oxford Inst	295	-1	4.6	2.0	20.2
83	48	P-E Internl	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	57	...	1.5	3.3	30.3
80	55	Peek	77 †	...	3.4	5.5	20.1
227	115	Pegasus▲	214	-1	...	3.7	54.0
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500 †	...	...	6.1	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1362½	-12½	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink▲	280	-5	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	275	...	...	1.9	22.1
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	265	...	...	1.9	22.2
96	63	Plasmec▲	75	...	...	5.0	6.3
120	76	Pressac	105 †	...	2.5	3.1	∞
185	81	Psion▲	183	-1	...	1.7	48.6
261	160	Racal Elect	213	+1	4.2	2.5	12.7
70	45	Radamec	48 †	...	...	3.9	10.3
70	31	Radius▲	37	...	2.2	7.6	12.6
92	61	Real Time ▲	73	-4	...	5.1	15.0
35	18	Riva▲	27	...	...	...	34.2
629	367	Sage Gp	437	-1	9.3	2.7	14.0
348	222	Sanderson Elec	302	...	9.9	4.1	12.9
88	49	Scantronic	72	...	3.1	5.4	18.2
181	117	Scholes Grp	172	-1	...	3.6	22.3
375	270	Sema Gp	317	...	2.9	1.1	25.7
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	2.9	...
51	37	Soundtracks▲	37	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2437½	-34½	...	1.3	27.6
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	12	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	156	...	0.8	0.6	25.7
1017	809	THORN EMI	930	-4	...	4.3	19.0
152	96	Thorpe FW	131	-5	...	2.5	15.3
103	46	Total Systems▲	48	...	3.0	7.8	8.5
575	372	Tunstall	570	-3	5.7	1.3	22.8
295	164	Unitech	264	...	...	2.9	62.5
11½	6	Verity	9	-½	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec▲	27	...	...	1.7	15.5
585	367	Vodafone	544	-2½	...	1.6	24.6
473	368	Volex	440	...	17.8	5.1	18.1
26	11	Western Selecm	20	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	272	...	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	556	-2	...	4.4	10.4
622	399	Eastern Elect	587	-8	...	4.1	11.7
419	304	Hydro-Elect	385	-7	...	3.7	14.0
618	404	London Elect	575	-3	...	4.2	12.8
673	458	Manweb	639	+1	...	4.1	9.2
643	424½	Midlands Elec	603	-5	...	4.1	10.8
421	273	National Powr	400	+½	...	3.5	9.8
666	440	Northern Elec	618	-3	...	4.3	8.0
206	100	Nthn Ireland	191	+2	...	0.6	8.6
672	439	Norweb	628	-8	20.0	4.0	9.7
468½	273	PowerGen	462	-1	...	2.8	12.2
420	285	Scottish Power	390	-1	...	3.6	14.5
661	436	Seeboard	622	-3	...	4.0	10.0
681	469	Sth Wales	640	...	...	4.4	10.7
656	426	Sth Western	587	-1	...	4.3	9.3
642	406	Southern Elec	603	-3	...	4.1	11.1
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	622	-6	...	4.1	11.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD▲	133	...	...	3.2	20.8
101	26	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
550	413	Caledonia	534	...	...	3.5	19.8
1800	1075	Camellia	1800	...	...	2.1	6.7
318	243	Candover	304	...	10.4	4.3	21.5
257	71	Flextech▲	249	-4	...	0.3	...
352	155	Givett	339	...	...	4.6	10.0
188	125	Ivory Sime	147	-2	...	5.5	13.8
6½	3	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	232	-1	8.7	4.7	16.9
74	47	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	6½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bro	323	...	6.5	2.5	19.6
26	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
340	253	S & U	305	...	10.2	4.2	11.3
83	48	Singer & Fried	80	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sotheby's	950	+37	...	1.6	...
126	114	SJP Capital	115 †	...	3.0	3.3	47.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2087½	-34½	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	995	-5	...	3.3	22.6
200	92	Invesco	157	-6	...	1.1	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	286	+6	...	2.8	12.0
236	154	Mai	225	+1	...	3.8	14.2
728	389	MAM	663	-5	16.0	3.8	16.5
1005	633	M & G	945	-3	...	2.8	25.1
408	109	Smith New Crt	392	-1	...	1.9	5.9
81	55	Trio Hldgs	70	...	...	5.4	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	479	+1	1.6	4.0	9.8
77½	49	ASDA Group	50½	+1½	1.6	4.0	12.1
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	291	...	7.6	3.3	16.8
80	55	Albert Fisher	56 †	-1	3.7	8.4	∞
407	246	Argyll	258	+9	...	5.3	9.5
230	160	Banks (S C)	228	-2	9.0	4.9	10.2
402	310	Barr (AG)	310	...	6.5	2.6	15.7
85	57	Bensons Crsps▲	68	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	106	Berisford Intl	109	-1	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	391	...	...	7.0	33.0
52	35	Borthwick	47½	-½	...	3.2	59.0
506	430	Brake Bros	485	...	6.3	1.6	20.1
51	38	Budgen	44	...	...	3.8	13.4
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	470	...	...	3.6	16.6
143	78	Carrs Milling	132	...	3.9	3.7	26.4
196	133	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	10.9
22	8½	Cullens	13½	...	0.5	4.6	38.8
384	119	Dalepak	135	-2	6.0	5.6	10.6
521	426	Dalgety	440	-1	...	5.8	12.6
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
248	191	Devro	241	-1	...	2.9	22.9
134	99	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
383	269	Farepak	375	-4	5.7	1.9	23.1
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	75	-1	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
483	328	Geest	341	-2	8.1	3.0	15.2
16	7	Global▲	13½	-½	...	4.6	21.0
49	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	160	-3	...	5.0	9.0
175	131	Hillsdown	146 †	-1	8.8	7.5	11.5
250	162	Iceland Group	164	...	...	2.7	10.3
131	103	JLI Group	105	-1	...	5.5	11.6
853	588	Kwik Save	591	-1	16.7	3.5	11.3
262	144	Low (Wm)	147	+1	8.4	7.4	∞
83	41	Matthews (B)	75	-2	2.3	3.9	49.1
16½	12½	Merchant Retail	15	...	1.1	9.2	20.7
174	87	Morrison (W)	89	-1	...	1.2	11.6
233	177	Nichols (JN)	228	...	5.5	3.0	16.5
291	220	Nthn Foods	228	...	...	4.6	11.3
20½	9½	Nrthmbn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
239	172	Nurdin Peack	177	-2	...	4.4	9.8
251	205	Park Foods	238	...	...	3.2	18.2
115	78	Perkins Food	82	-1	...	6.3	9.4
114	47	PizzaExpress	98	+1	...	0.6	20.7
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	4	...	...	...	...
384	340	Sainsbury J	365	-1	...	3.6	12.7
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	71	...	...	2.6	12.7
225	94	Sims Food	110	...	...	8.5	21.2
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	372	-4	12.3	4.1	11.7
273	176	Tesco	185½	+2½	...	4.9	8.4
211	123	Thorntons	168	...	...	2.7	...
183	101	Treats▲	151	-2	...	3.1	17.2
410	300	Unigate	373	...	...	5.6	12.0
437	326	Utd Biscuits	338	-2	...	5.8	20.3
24½	18½	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	295	-3	13.2	5.6	15.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	90	...	1.5	2.2	21.7
250	170	Forte	227	-1	...	4.1	17.8
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	-2	...	4.7	29.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	11	+½	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	132	-2	...	4.9	10.6
222½	154	Ladbroke	168	-2	11.1	8.3	14.4
85	59	Mandarin Orntl	81	+1	...	4.2	20.1
59	44	Queens Moat	47½#	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
1½	¼	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	788	+3	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	55	-1	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	34	...	...	...	2.1
616	455	AAH	498	-6	...	4.3	16.0
185	140	AIM	175	-5	7.5	5.4	10.6
132	88	APV	103	-1½	...	6.6	...
238	81	ASW	144	...	...	5.2	...
186½	118	Adwest	165	-2	...	5.5	15.9
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
281	240	Airsprung	275	...	...	2.0	17.6
184	113	Alexdra W	179 †	-1	4.1	2.9	28.3
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
565	345	Amber Ind	565	...	...	4.1	12.9
56	45	Amberley Gp▲	45	...	...	2.8	...
107	75	Anagen	82	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	85	-1	...	6.5	...
1005	703	Antofagasta	968 †	...	...	2.1	17.9
54½	37	Armour	47½	-1	...	4.3	11.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.3	15.3
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	...	2.1	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	503	-5	...	4.1	20.1
265	168	Assoc Nursg▲	265	...	...	0.5	16.2
687½	523	Atlas Equip	523	...	...	5.7	13.1
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	75	...	...	...	...
188	147	BBA	182	...	...	5.2	15.5
88	28	BLP Group▲	88	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	22	+1	3.4	19.3	0.9
770	622	BOC	631	-1	23.8	4.7	13.8
79½	62	BSG	70½	-½	...	5.7	24.5
490	353	BSS Group	488	-1	...	4.4	29.2
409½	318	BTR	359½	-½	...	3.9	20.1
221	155	BWI	160	-2	...	5.4	14.4
50	29	Babcock	34	-½	...	7.7	20.3
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	254	-5	8.9	4.4	17.4
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	643½	+12½	...	5.2	3.7
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	-1	...	3.0	25.0
15	4	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2½	Beckenham▲	2½	+½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	33	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	15½	...	...	2.4	11.7
707	290	Bespak	330	...	10.0	3.8	10.3
133	64	Bibby (J)	64	-4	2.0	3.9	∞
312	129	Biliam (J)	263	-2	5.3	2.5	13.3
41	21½	Bilston Burns▲	28	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	3½	+½	...	...	...
220	118½	Birkby	218	...	3.5	2.0	20.7
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
245	136	Black (Peter)	243	-1	3.7	1.9	21.4
562	129	Bluebird Toys▲	480	-2	...	1.2	14.6
322	247	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.3	18.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
563	416	Boots	515	+5	...	3.4	20.1
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
525	402	Bowater	411	+4	...	3.6	17.2
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1317	...	...	...	...
279	190	Boxmore Intl▲	275	-1	...	1.7	20.6
19	12½	Brasway	14½	...	...	4.4	...
303	204	Brammer	297	+1	13.0	5.5	22.1
27	12	Bridgend Gp	21 †	...	0.4	...	...
123	64	Bridon	132	-1	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	73	...	2.5	4.3	∞
48	31	Brierley Inv	42 †	...	...	8.0	∞
308	225	Br Bldg & Eng	225 †	-5	8.0	4.4	∞
82	42	Br Bloodstock▲	79	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	440	-3	...	2.9	15.8
131½	54	Br Steel	124½	+1½	...	1.0	...
100	83	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	155	-3	...	2.0	17.0
268	215	Br Vita	244	-1	7.3	3.7	15.0
15½	5½	Britton Grp	13½	...	...	1.6	...
805	555	Broken Hill	779	+7	...	2.3	36.7
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	97	-1	...	5.7	12.6
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	46	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
24	11½	Business Tech▲	19½	-½	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	21	...	0.5	3.5	19.8
38	11	Campbell & Arm	38	+6	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	29½	...	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	259	...	...	5.1	17.5
343	254	Caradon	332	-4	...	3.3	26.8
169½	128	-do- pf	164	-½	7.2	5.5	...
252	178	Carclo Eng	252	...	8.6	4.3	17.0
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2188	-37	...	2.8	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	73	...	...	4.1	11.9
213	158	Castings	203	...	4.3	2.7	14.3
71	58	Cathay Intl	59	-2	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	195	+5	6.5	4.2	12.1
753	606	Charter	729	+1	...	3.8	17.2
345	220	Chemring	310	...	...	3.4	18.7
50	45	Chelefain Gp▲	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
45½	15½	Chillington	41 ‡	...	0.2	0.8	...
215	144	Christies Int	210	+1	...	0.9	52.1
65	34	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	55	Clayton Son	57	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	295	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	233	-2	...	3.7	15.9
246	186½	Concentric	209	-1	...	3.3	17.6
288	120	Cook (Wm)	255	-5	6.0	3.0	15.3
233	182	Cookson	207	...	...	3.6	27.4
76	38	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crmwll Pkr 'A'	144	...	...	4.9	19.5
178	92	Cosalt	117	...	8.6	9.2	17.8
224	150	Creighton Nts▲	205	...	...	4.5	14.7
48	27	CrestaCare	32	...	0.6	2.5	27.7
3950½	2957½	Dana	3875	-12½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	300	...	...	0.6	28.4
243	193	David Brown	218	-2	...	3.4	15.5
22	5	Davies (DY)▲	18	...	...	...	...
768	632	De La Rue	754	-7	...	2.8	20.0
30	16	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
574	391	Diploma	565	...	10.7	2.3	20.4
82	50	Dobson Park	82	...	5.0	7.7	14.8
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	20.1
83	57	-do- 'A'	72	...	5.0	8.7	13.2
16½	8	EFG	15	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	407	...	...	3.7	18.0
28	19	Elliet	23	-2	...	...	...
50	19	Elco	50	...	...	...	0.00
2650	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2337½	-12½	...	2.2	...
73	63	Elliott (B)	68 †	-1	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	414	+3	...	6.0	24.1
140	111	Environmed	138	...	...	...	59.3
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3550	...	...	0.8	...
77	32	Eurocopy	64	...	7.0	2.0	24.8
87	47	Expamet	65	...	...	4.6	1.5
717	499	Fairey Group	675	-6	10.7	2.0	20.8
120	47	Fenner	120	-1	2.5	2.6	25.3
69	32	Ferraris Group	69	...	...	3.2	16.2
1½	½	Ferromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
20	15	Ferrum	17	...	1.4	10.3	11.9
61	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	0.7	1.6	...
251	138½	Fisons	143½	+4½	...	7.8	13.0
53	29	Flowtron	53	...	...	8.6	...
298	215	Flogas	273	...	...	3.6	12.5
43	35	Fothos Group nv	35	...	1.5	5.4	19.0
86	56	French (Thomas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
234	162	Frost Group	228	-2	...	2.4	29.5
88	71	GEI Intl	85	...	...	7.3	...
515	434	GKN	475	+1	...	5.4	31.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.3	...
101	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	3.5	...
161	103	Gestetner	143	...	8.2	7.2	6.2
68	23	Gleves	55	-3	...	...	39.8
801	509	Glaxo	654	-2	...	4.2	17.1
36	16	Glenchewton	29	...	...	...	...
331	245	Glynwed	303 †	...	11.6	4.8	28.6
129	66	Goode Durrant	120	-1	...	5.6	...
159	102	Grampian Hd	135 †	-2	5.5	5.1	23.4
498	341	Granada	470	...	7.9	2.1	25.0
447	301	Great Sthrn▲	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernst)▲	88 †	...	...	0.9	∞
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	13	...	...	2.9	12.9
17	6½	Guardian Grp▲	6½	-½	...	...	...
65	30½	Haden MacLn	65	...	...	3.8	23.4
94	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	82	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	274	-1	8.6	3.9	22.9
229	161	Halma	200	...	...	1.2	26.9
49	30	Hampson Ind	44	...	1.6	4.5	14.5
279½	222	Hanson	228	+½	...	5.1	14.2
221	153	Harris (Philip)	159	...	...	5.4	9.6
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	179	...	9.0	6.3	25.8
123	38	Havelock Euro	123	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	24	...	0.7	3.6	∞
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
410	301	Hepworth	397	-2	14.8	4.7	17.1
228	160	Hewitt (J)	213	...	3.2	1.9	16.6
57½	15	High-Point	51 †	-4	0.5	1.2	...
164	112½	Hill & Smith	163	...	...	4.3	22.7
19½	6½	Hobson▲	14½	-½	...	...	69.8
176	87	Holders Tech▲	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	49	...	0.9	2.3	37.1
183	133	Hornby▲	180	-1	...	6.3	17.0
88	54½	Howden	81	-2	2.2	3.4	15.0
260	173	Hunting	234	-1	...	5.3	19.8
503	269½	Huntigh Tech▲	448	...	...	2.8	11.4
312	247	IMI	289	-3	...	4.3	25.6
119	90	ISA Intl	114 †	...	1.5	1.7	17.7
205	135	Intercare Gp▲	135	-2	...	2.5	14.3
286	235	Isoron	278	...	4.3	2.0	∞
665	360	Jardine Math	665	+6	...	1.9	23.9
537	425	Johnson Matth	474	-4	...	2.7	20.8
64	36½	Johnson & FB	39	...	3.0	9.6	12.0
177	104	Johnston	146 †	...	...	3.2	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	172	-1½	...	2.5	23.9
297	195	Kelsey Ind	252	...	8.0	4.0	...
640	465	Kenshaw (A)	640	+20	27.0	5.3	33.2
235	75	Kleeneze	215	-3	...	...	...
151	61	LGW▲	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.0
351	266	Laird	330	-1	...	4.0	16.3
157½	103	Lilleshall	153	...	...	3.6	20.1
223	97	Lincat▲	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	32 †	...	...	...	26.4
138	76	Linread	107	...	3.8	4.5	16.5
280	170	Linton Park	295	...	...	6.9	9.2
19½	9½	Lionheart	10	...	0.2	2.5	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	140	Lon Intl	140	-3	9.4	8.4	10.7
135	70	Lonrho	127	-1	...	3.9	...
389	269	Low & Bonar	347	+1	...	3.4	48.6
41	14½	ML Hdgs	39	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	35	-1	...	5.7	56.7
59	39	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	∞
216	168	Macfarlane	201	...	...	2.1	22.8
460	379	McKechnie	413 †	...	14.7	4.5	∞
106	85	McLeod Russel	102	...	6.0	7.4	12.4
10½	1½	Madden	1½	...	...	...	9.6
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	109 †	...	2.5	2.9	∞
26½	19½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	...
206	124	Mayborn▲	199	...	...	3.3	15.3
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	124	-1	...	2.4	10.1
118	88	Meggitt	98	-2	...	4.9	16.7
125	98	Metair	117	...	...	4.2	18.1
154	126	Mentmore	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
98	70	Metsec▲	98	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midsures	86	+1	...	1.1	12.0
28	14	Mining & Ald	27	-½	0.5	2.3	...
515	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	319	-5	...	4.9	16.7
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	173	-1	...	3.9	13.1
38	18	Neepsend	33	...	1.0	3.8	43.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
181	122½	Norcros	162	-1	...	5.5	23.2
51	35	Nova Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	353	-5	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	61	...	0.1	0.2	...
43½	21	OMI Intl	43½	...	...	5.0	...
162	123	PCT▲	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems▲	86	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	93	...	...	3.5	12.6
395	290	Photo-Me	319	-2	4.6	1.8	20.6
165	97½	Pilkington	149	...	...	3.4	...
87	68	Plasmorook	86	...	3.1	4.5	13.6
154	125	Polypipe	138	...	2.1	1.9	∞
42	17	Porter Chadbrn	20	...	...	7.8	9.2
14½	5½	Porth Gp▲	11	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	337	-5	...	2.5	17.4
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.7	4.8	9.8
65	33½	RPS Group▲	63	...	2.3	4.6	13.9
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil▲	177	-5	...	0.7	59.3
856	636	Rank Org	835	+16	31.0	4.6	22.8
33	15	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	643	-9	...	3.2	14.8
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Recor	4½	...	...	...	...
260	131	Relyon	258	-1	5.0	2.4	31.0
303	208	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
110	55	Renold	99	...	...	1.5	...
1688	1240	Reuters	1652	-17	22.1	1.7	27.3
83	24½	Rexmore	80	+5	2.0	3.2	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	185	-1	...	3.9	26.2
76	58	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
98	63	Richardson West	75	-5	3.0	5.1	19.2
142	109	Ropner	126	-4	8.2	8.2	17.9
136	97	-do- 'A'	122	-2	8.2	8.5	17.3
38	22	Ross Gp	23 †	...	0.6	3.5	9.4
184	131½	Rotork	169	-1	...	2.7	19.8
162	89	Rubicon	165	-1	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	63	...	...	1.0	...
29½	15	SEP Indl	29½	...	...	3.2	27.0
1087½	635	SKF 'B'	1050	+12½	...	...	...
60½	39	Savile Grdn (J)	58	-1	...	4.7	28.0
248	205	Scapa	207	-1	...	3.4	15.8
238	192	Scholl	200	...	...	3.9	14.6
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1120	917	Securicor	1115	-5	2.6	0.3	42.8
835	582	-do- 'A'	817	-13	2.6	0.4	31.1
745	465	Security Serv	729	-11	5.1	0.9	30.1
120½	77	Senior Eng	124	-1½	...	3.2	20.7
361	278	Senso Health	315	-3	...	2.4	18.5
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	146 †	...	3.0	3.6	15.7
344	281	Sidlaw	317	...	...	4.1	20.3
574	427	Siebe	553 †	-5	...	2.3	20.8
383	330	Silentnight	348 †	-2	...	2.9	18.9
148	102	Sime Darby	144	...	...	3.7	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	77	...	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	36	Six Hundred	42	...	...	5.2	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	134½	...	...	4.4	14.9
513	389	SmithKline	411	-3½	9.6	3.0	14.8
450	340	SmithKline Uts	372	-5	...	3.3	12.5
428	320	Smiths Ind	414 †	-3	...	3.6	16.6
140	58	Snm Bus	80	...	3.5	5.5	7.6
462	265	Spandex▲	462 †	...	...	1.8	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	660	...	4.5	0.9	12.4
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	344	...	...	3.4	21.6
145	44	Spring Ram	53	-2	...	0.6	18.1
270	206	Staveley	206	-3	...	5.2	11.5
172	126	Sterling Ind	169	-1	...	4.1	25.0
187	77	Senr	166	...	9.0	6.8	17.4
487	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	487	+4	...	1.8	∞
7	3	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	7.2	10.3
153	120	Syltone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
374	270	TI	361	-2	...	3.8	24.7
32	12	TLS Range▲	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	324	-3	...	2.5	19.9
277	201	Talkare	209	...	...	1.1	17.8
868	618	Takeda Chem	833	+30	...	0.8	15.8
68	24	Tex Hldgs	53	-2	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	99	...	...	6.9	15.2
240	150	Triton▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
271	212½	Tomkins	234	...	...	3.4	17.2
112	67	Trafalgar H	94½	-½	...	4.2	6.9
116	69	Transfer Tech	85	+2	3.2	4.2	10.7
190	159½	Triplex Lloyd	160	-4	...	5.5	19.3
274	214	UniChem	262	...	6.4	3.1	17.2
375	275½	Unidare	365	-1	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Unigroup	31	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1086	-17	22.2	2.6	14.7
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7712½	+25	...	2.2	12.7
915	513	VSEL	828	-20	...	4.7	8.5
12½	6½	Verson	12½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	149	...	...	1.9	...
367	243	Victaulic	271	-1	...	3.6	17.4
454	283	Vinten	447 †	...	...	2.0	20.8
694	427	Vosper Thorny	648	-2	...	3.0	15.7
48	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	7.8	11.2
468	368	Wagon Ind	439	-6	...	4.9	19.4
98	71	Walker Greenbk	94	-1	3.1	4.1	24.0
258	201	Wassall	250	-1	2.7	1.4	25.2
43	22	Waterford Wdgwd	43	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	296	-6	...	2.6	16.7
993	600	Wellcome	678	+1	17.3	3.2	∞
23½	18	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
358	260	West Hlthcare	333	-2	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	482	...	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	236	...	...	4.3	9.2
74	27	Whitecroft	72½	-½	...	...	...
9	4½	Widney	9	-½	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	-3	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	328	-3	12.5	4.8	17.2
41½	17	Wilshaw	40	-1½	...	1.7	25.1
731	533	Wolseley	712	-3	13.3	2.4	∞
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1269½	Alex & Alex	1325	-18¾	...	5.0	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1931½	-31¼	...	3.8	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	59	...	2.7	5.7	28.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbla	159 †	...	5.2	4.8	16.8
148	118	Bradstock	136	...	...	3.2	...
498	359½	Britannic	454	-11	...	5.0	...
667	556	Com Union	602	...	...	1.6	23.1
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1745	-1	...	...	...
50	18	FAI	48	+1	26.7	4.8	...
741	546	Gen Accident	692	-1	7.1	4.4	17.0
230	160	GRE	205	-2	...	5.0	...
412	293	Heath C E	401	-2	8.1	6.4	14.4
228	160	Hogg Gp	162	+1	...	5.4	17.9
215	162	IIB Group	175	...	...	...	...
543	408½	Legal & Gen	479	-4	...	5.1	20.1
1092	768	Liberty Life	985	+4	...	10.7	19.2
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	436	-2	17.3	5.0	15.7
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	285	-4	6.7	2.9	17.7
388	224	Londn & Man	356	-2	14.7	5.2	26.2
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	425	-5	13.5	4.0	15.3
6743½	5350	Marsh McLn	5537½	...	...	3.2	...
130	76	Oriel	126	...	...	5.0	...
72	50½	PWS	68	-1	4.0	7.4	9.9
373	262½	Prudential	336	-2	...	4.6	22.3
1138	800	Refuge	1005	-3	32.2	4.0	27.8
347	248	Royal	306	-10	...	2.7	...
204	150	Sedgwick	182	...	...	4.1	22.4
261	119	Steel Burrill	151	+6	...	9.9	8.9
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	6.5	11.9	6.9
400	307	Sun Alliance	361	-7	14.2	4.9	...
82	50	Trade Indemnty	82	+3	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	314	...	12.0	4.8	29.1
773	499	Utd Friendly	631	-3	15.1	3.0	27.5
242	171	Willis Corroon	223	-1	...	3.7	47.9
21	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1760	...	45.5	3.2	38.5
283½	226½	Amer Trust	268	+1	5.2	2.4	55.6
426	304	Ang & O'seas	413	+1	6.8	2.1	52.4
156	124	BZW Conv	141½	-½	7.8	6.9	∞
188½	133½	Bankers	183	...	3.6	2.5	50.3
328	264	Baring Tribne	324	...	6.4	2.5	51.2
203	131	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
110	96½	Br Assets	103½	-½	4.2	5.2	∞
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	82	...	0.9	1.4	∞
30	14	-do- Wnts	28	...	...	...	...
203	156	Br Inv	194	...	4.5	2.9	43.7
197	130	Contl Asset	190	-2	2.4	1.6	63.2
195	143	Derby Inc	167	...	...	12.1	8.8
290	195	-do- Cap	268	...	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	78	...	8.4	13.5	8.7
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	76	...	1.0	1.7	...
135	84	-do- Far East	134	+2	0.6	0.6	...
127	95	-do- Korea	125	+1	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	664	-1	...	4.8	30.6
100	81	-do- Japan	84	+1	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	41	+1	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wwde	707	...	9.5	1.7	72.8
292	222	Dundee & Lon	285	-1	...	3.9	28.3
308	250½	Edinburgh	293 †	-1	8.5	3.6	32.1
291	183	Electra Inv	275	...	6.8	3.1	37.5
191	141	Electric Gen	184	...	3.1	2.1	57.3
114	85	English Scot	110	...	...	...	...
310	205	European Asset	308	+1	...	2.3	40.8
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	130	...	3.0	2.9	41.8
307	248	Fleming Amer	297	+1	0.8	0.4	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	214	...	...	3.1	42.2
340	212	Do Contl	320	-2	2.1	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Emrg	197	-1	...	3.0	39.8
362	213	-do- F East	356	+6	1.1	0.4	...
331	246	-do- Fledg	327	...	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.9
260	136	-do- Japan	223 †	+3½	0.4	0.3	∞
297	230	-do- Merc	286½	-1	6.7	2.9	61.3
307	212	-do- Oseas	292	-1	4.2	1.8	61.1
273	203	Foreign & Col	263½	+½	...	1.6	71.5
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	105	...	0.2	0.3	...
67	44	-do- Enterprise	66	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	221	-1	1.2	0.7	...
131	87	-do- German	122	...	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	307	+2	...	0.9	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	164½	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	240	+4	...	0.7	...
168	65	Genl Cons Cap	166	...	...	9.7	11.3
127½	96½	-do- Inc	112	-1	...	...	...
165	115	Govett Am Smlr	152	+1	...	...	...
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	109	...	...	...	...
343	184	-do- Oriental	338 †	+3	0.9	0.4	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	266	-1	6.7	3.2	∞
408	340	Greenfriar	408	...	...	2.0	61.3
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	139	...	...	4.7	36.5
97	77	IRS UK Smlr	94	...	2.8	3.8	25.9
210	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	205	-½	5.0	3.0	39.9
250	176	-do- O'seas	237½	-½	3.3	1.7	67.5
142	108	-do- Smlr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
690	540	Law Debenture	667	...	18.5	3.5	33.3
202	164	Majedie	190	...	5.0	3.2	∞
282½	221	Merchants	259	-1½	...	5.1	25.0
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6168½	+43¾	...	...	...
521	383	Mnks Inv Tst	513	...	...	1.6	65.0
141	105	Mcrg Gren Inc	130	...	4.5	4.4	∞
54	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	54	...	0.1	0.4	...
29½	4½	Do Wts	18	...	...	...	...
362	282	Murray Incme	344	-1	10.9	4.0	32.0
361	265	-do- Trdl	349	-1	11.6	4.2	31.5
417	263	-do- Small	416	...	...	1.3	...
103	90	-do- S/C Inc	90 †	...	...	14.7	∞
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	117	...	...	...	...
3150	2250	-do- S/C Uts	3150 †	...	...	4.2	∞
156½	142½	-do- S/C DP	156	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	308	-1	...	4.4	24.9
93	66	Nthrng Inc	91	...	6.7	9.4	16.8
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	341	+1	3.1	1.2	∞
484	285	Pacific Assets	477	+6	1.1	0.3	...
359	157	Do Warrants	350	+7½	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8025	...	19.0	2.9	48.6
170	100	RIT Cap Pmr	167	...	1.1	0.9	...
137	108	River & Merc	122	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	419	-4	...	1.9	...
284	214	St Andrew Inv	284	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
160½	131	Scot American	151½	-2	...	3.8	31.8
254	136	Scot Asian	251	-1	...	...	...
785	225	do Warrants	770	...	...	...	...
83	63½	-do- Eastern	78½	...	1.5	2.5	51.6
220	183	Scottish	222	-1½	4.6	2.6	46.0
235½	178	-do- Mtge	221½	-1½	4.0	2.3	57.5
101	71	-do- Value	99½	-1	1.8	2.3	∞
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1580	-2	...	3.1	39.8
95½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	89 †	-½	3.2	4.6	29.4
163	109½	Selective Asset	159	...	1.2	0.9	56.8
38	14	Sphere Inv	35½	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
169	112	TR Far East	166	+2	...	3.7	31.9
154	126	TR City Of Lon	150½	-½	...	4.0	32.7
186	110	TR Pacific	180	+1	0.3	0.2	...
36½	17	TR Property	35½	...	0.9	3.2	37.2
120	47	TR Tech Inv	101	+1	1.7	2.2	37.5
190	146	TR Smlr Cos	187	...	...	2.5	43.2
360	283	Temple Bar	344	...	13.2	4.8	25.9
109½	69	Thrgtn Asian F	109½	+1½	0.5	0.6	...
79	54	Throgmorton	75	...	2.3	3.8	30.6
550	363	Thrng Dual Cp	475	...	...	...	...
242	178	USDC Invest	238	...	4.5	2.4	53.8
114	76½	Value Inc Tst	113½	...	4.0	4.5	28.1
773	542	Whitbread Inv	759	-5	16.5	2.7	45.7
225	181	Witan	215	-½	5.6	3.3	37.7

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	269	Airtours	439	-5	7.7	2.2	15.5
64	42	Alc Les	52	...	3.0	7.2	∞
415	194	Anglia Tv	415	...	...	2.6	19.2
105	63	Baldwin	88	-1	4.6	6.5	11.9
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	236	...	10.0	5.2	15.4
1265	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV▲	136	...	...	3.0	12.4
16½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
80	48	Bristol Scots	74	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6	...	...	...	...
292	75	Campari	75	...	8.7	14.6	...
231	171	Capital Radio	214	-1	5.2	3.1	24.7
818	728	Carlton Comm	739	-1	17.7	3.0	21.8
215	158	Castle Comm▲	215	...	...	5.0	14.0
2708	1615	Central TV	2055	...	39.0	2.4	22.4
124	61	Chrysalis	114	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	553	...	...	2.9	16.5
250	175	Eurocamp	222	...	9.7	5.5	9.2
1180	355	Euro Disney	370	+2	...	3.1	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	31½	-½	...	1.4	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	288	...	10.5	4.6	...
378	249	First Leisure	249	-6	6.2	3.1	17.2
589	398	GWR Gp▲	578	...	...	1.7	29.7
246	149	Grampian	235	...	6.1	3.2	16.3
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	18	...	...	...	...
95	19	HTV Group	87	...	...	...	38.6
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	59	...	...	4.8	...
12½	5½	Kunick	8½	-½	...	...	...
510	405	LWT Hldgs	508	...	...	1.2	23.5
600	327	Man Utd	550	-12	...	4.4	22.2
148	99	Owners Abrd	78	-6	3.9	6.3	6.5
77	33	The Pelican Gp	72	-2	...	1.9	16.9
170	55	Prism Leisure▲	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde▲	315	...	...	3.4	24.7
208	132	Ransoms (H)	195	-4	...	2.9	25.9
553	410	Scot TV	440	...	10.3	2.9	21.7
65	37	Southern Radio	55	-1	0.7	1.8	22.9
260	168	Stanley Leisure	246	-2	4.3	2.2	19.4
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	8	...	...	5.0	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129 †	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	108	...	...	2.4	5.6
78	44	Trans World▲	56	...	...	1.8	20.4
499	274	Ulster TV	473	...	12.0	3.2	14.5
109	62	Vardon	109	...	0.8	0.9	25.7
22	11	Wembley	17½	...	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	36	-3	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	205	-1	12.0	7.3	6.2
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	5575	+175	...	3.9	28.3
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1537½	+18¾	...	6.0	8.0
2400	1125	Ang Am	2400	+100	...	2.8	20.9
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	29	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	197	+4	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	39 †	...	...	...	∞
871	233	Buffels	839	+27	...	7.5	7.6
2½	1	Bute	2½	...	...	...	...
748	546	CRA	695	+9	...	2.9	33.9
43½	11	Cluff Res	32½	-½	...	...	...
1406½	762½	De Beers	1350	+18¾	...	3.6	18.5
165	37½	Deelkraal	149	+10	...	1.3	17.2
96	7	Doornfontein	71	+3½	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	856	+15	...	3.4	16.9
763	120	Durban	763	+11	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	161	+1	...	6.6	5.0
220	54	E Rand Prop	144	...	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	55	...	...	4.3	11.8
604	177	Elandsrand	470	+1	...	2.5	11.6
1042	292	FS Cons	1042	+11	...	4.6	13.7
80	8	FS Dev	64	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1506	+12	...	2.6	26.1
101	62½	Gencor	101	...	...	8.7	∞
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	51½	+1½	...	2.6	21.0
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	156	...	...	6.4	9.8
360	78	Harmony	342	...	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	390	+11	...	4.9	15.5
16½	8½	Inoco▲	15½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	793	+17	...	3.5	27.3
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	9½	...	...	...	...
1085	332	Kinross	1085 †	+11	...	5.2	∞
913	319	Kloof	703	+1	...	3.0	9.9
137	25	Leslie	114 †	+11	...	9.1	∞
251	13	Loraine	251	+24	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	80	MIM	95½	...	...	2.3	46.4
1307	820	Minorco	1304	-3	...	3.0	15.4
148½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	147½	+2	...	3.3	24.3
2687½	612½	Orange Free	2675	-9¼	...	4.7	21.7
746	607	RTZ	644½	+2½	...	5.3	17.8
637½	425	Rand Mines	593½	+25	...	7.3	∞
671	150	Randfontein	593	+14	...	4.8	8.9
192	115	Renison	175	-4	...	2.5	18.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1075	+12½	...	3.0	∞
725	191	St Helena	725	+1	...	3.3	15.5
2168	475	Southvaal	2127	+5	...	2.6	38.9
119	18	Stilfontein	83	...	...	7.5	15.1
192	58	Unisel	151 †	...	...	4.4	...
6300	1800	Vaal Reefs	6300	+75	...	3.4	11.4
691	154	Welkom	691	+2	...	4.7	21.8
578	26	Western Areas	553	+15	...	0.9	17.7
2862½	587½	Western Deep	2862½	+46¾	...	2.1	13.9
283	176	Wstrn Mining	257	+6	...	1.9	...
1020	323	Winkels	983 †	+19	...	3.8	∞
84	56	Zambia Copper	65	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	5.5	18.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	3.0	3.1	11.6
135	95	Airflow Stream	120 †	...	...	5.0	...
153	78	Appleyard	130	-2	...	3.7	15.8
335	201	Bletchley Mtr	310	...	6.0	4.1	32.7
192	120	Bostrom	185	...	7.3	2.1	...
468	165	Br Aerospace	430	-11	...	2.1	...
56	19½	Burndene	50½	-1½	...	2.8	13.4
388	303	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	14½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	135	...	...	3.7	34.3
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	27	...	...	2.8	15.3
267	156	Cowie (T)	237	-1	6.6	3.5	18.0
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	149	...	...	3.4	16.8
330	195	ERF	327	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	130	...	...	3.4	18.3
406	208	Evans Halshaw	402	...	11.4	3.6	61.9
290	219	FR Group	239 †	-1	...	4.1	10.2
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4131½	-43¾	...	...	...
3450	2143½	General Mtr	3437½	-12½	...	1.5	...
75	38	Gowrings	56	-1	2.0	4.5	...
247	85	Henlys	240	...	3.5	1.8	...
1056	650	Honda Motor	965	+28	...	0.9	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	97	-1	4.5	5.9	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	165	-1	...	2.7	23.3
420	281	Lex Service	399	-2	...	3.5	21.8
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
181	126	Lucas	174	+1	...	5.0	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	27½	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.1	21.1
190	101½	Perry Gp	170	...	...	5.2	...
190	108	Quicks Group	165	...	...	3.6	21.1
168	96½	Rolls-Royce	166	+4	...	3.8	...
223	161	T & N	193	...	...	7.0	27.5
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	245	...	...	2.9	22.7
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	170	...	...	3.1	23.8
253	121	Westland	224	...	4.2	2.4	19.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	290	Blenheim Gp	343	-4	...	3.4	12.8
370	275	Bristol	348	...	...	4.2	31.4
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9600	-100	13.4	1.7	21.6
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9525	-75	13.4	1.8	21.4
355	251	Dorling Kind	345	-2	3.3	1.2	∞
373	322	EMAP	342	...	...	2.9	21.1
1350	873	Euromoney Pb	1350	...	38.0	3.6	∞
204	170	Harrington K	197	...	4.7	3.0	16.1
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	342	Hodder H'line	342	...	5.1	1.9	29.1
140	99	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
151	30	Intl Bus Comm	130	...	...	...	18.8
14	6½	Intl Cm & Data▲	11	...	...	...	...
425	240	Independent	425	...	...	2.9	22.4
580	305	Johnstone Press	550	-3	6.5	1.5	23.8
325	243	Metal Bulletin	325	...	8.2	3.2	22.0
186	88	Mirror Gp.	153	-1	...	...	...
515	247	News Corp	486	+13	...	0.3	...
301	160	News Intl	284	+1	...	0.6	16.2
586	354	Pearson	582	+8	...	2.6	31.6
675	510	Portsmth Sund	611	...	...	1.9	16.9
784	618	Reed Int	740	-8	...	3.0	32.2
161	98	Southnews	161	...	...	1.8	29.6
171	95	Sterling Pub▲	166	-1	...	2.3	18.3
423	328	Telegraph	369	-1	...	4.1	15.5
835	715	Thomson Corp	835	...	...	1.8	41.7
395	313	Trinity Intl	345	+4	9.0	3.3	20.7
39	27	Unit Groups▲	27	...	...	...	...
597½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	521	-2	...	5.2	14.5

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28	-½	...	...	27.3
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	39	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60	-1	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	69	...	...	...	...
16	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	64.6
223	145	Br Borneo	218	...	7.1	4.1	6.6
348	276	British Gas	315	+½	14.2	5.6	15.2
362½	225	Br Petroleum	357	-2½	8.4	3.0	27.9
1½	1	Buda Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	738	-12	...	5.6	17.2
68	32	Cairn Energy	59	...	...	...	8.4
300	223	Calor Gp	288	+1	...	5.3	15.4
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	44	-½	...	...	...
44	27	Copiex Res	36	+1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas▲	17½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	452	-9	19.0	5.3	24.9
88	32	Exp Co Louis	36	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	23½	-½	...	4.5	8.6
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
48	18	Gt Western Res	40	-1	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	174	+7	...	0.7	16.2
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	127½	LASMO	129½	...	...	3.2	26.0
103	63	-do- Units	70	...	9.4	16.9	...
24	4	Mid Sea Res▲	4	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	53	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5	-½	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	32	...	1.0	3.9	11.1
38	27	Oil Search	35	-2	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petroz	16	...	...	...	...
157	99	Pict Pet	156	-1	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25½	...	...	...	9.3
115	80	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
410	290	Ranger	395	...	...	4.1	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6637½	-237½	...	4.5	17.0
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4087½	-46¼	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	690	-14	22.8	4.1	21.2
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	16	Triton Europe	17	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villers Grp	14	-½	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	194½	-1½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
145	120	AG Holdings	145	...	...	4.5	13.1
353	249	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
239	144	Arjo Wiggins	232	...	...	3.7	35.9
543	408	Abbott Mead	535	-2	9.5	2.2	24.1
40	13	Aegis Gp	30	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
20	7	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	369	-6	...	4.0	16.1
30½	7½	Birkdale	9	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	126	-3	4.0	4.0	19.0
352	257	CIA Gp	352	...	...	1.6	22.2
230	93	Capital Inds	179	...	...	2.5	17.1
85	44	City of Lon▲	88	-3	...	5.5	16.2
292	169	Cropper (James)	299	...	3.1	1.3	27.9
6	6	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
120	94	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.0	27.9
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	75	-½	...	5.2	17.1
15½	10½	Elswick	13½	+½	...	2.7	15.4
74	41	Fairway Group▲	74	...	3.2	5.5	21.8
340	271	Ferguson Intl	340 †	...	...	4.6	15.4
110	92	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	29.7
152	74	Filofax▲	148	...	...	1.1	19.1
20	10½	Finch	11	...	...	...	...
130	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	125	...	...	4.8	14.6
295	207	Gold Greenlees	207	...	8.3	5.0	14.5
41	19	Goodhead	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
68	35	Hunterprint	37	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	165	...	...	5.9	12.1
271	191	Jarvis Porter	270	...	...	2.2	25.2
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	31½	+½	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	332	...	13.2	5.0	38.7
133	48	NMC Group	110	-1	2.7	3.2	16.8
203	66	Osborne & Little	200	+7	...	3.9	22.0
525	455	Portals	496	...	...	3.7	17.0
3½	¼	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	283	...	...	2.5	17.4
347	270	St Ives Gp	270	-3	...	2.5	17.5
186	145½	Saatchi	177	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	379	+8	...	10.0	6.3
32	11½	Serif▲	16	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25½	-1	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	330	...	...	3.8	17.3
295	206	Smurfit Jeff	244	...	...	1.7	5.8
88	45	Sonic	81	-15	2.5	3.9	32.8
246	183	Star-Plus	210	-1	8.4	5.0	18.7
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28	...	0.3	1.5	23.4
83	38	VTR▲	82	...	...	5.2	23.4
106	40	WPP	96	...	...	1.3	3.6
179	62	Wace	169	-4	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	230	-6	...	4.3	17.6
410	270	Watmough	392	-1	...	1.9	32.7
7	4½	Westport▲	4½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck▲	19	...	...	...	...
90	55	Wood (SW)	85	-1	...	1.8	18.2

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109 †	...	...	4.0	28.2
63	58	Arcadian	60 #	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda Prop	132	...	...	2.0	13.9
152	88	Avonside	136	-2	4.1	3.8	19.0
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2350	...	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	650	...	18.9	3.6	23.5
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
236	150	Bradford	220	+3	5.9	3.4	22.0
23	5	Bredero	16	...	...	...	...
427	166½	Br Land	398	-1	...	2.2	36.3
248	140½	Brixton	234	-2	...	4.7	17.7
89	42	Burford	84½	-1½	...	1.9	...
167	97	Cap & Regnl▲	161	-1	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
593	196	Chesterfield	586	+1	11.5	2.5	41.6
43	12	City Site Ests	28	...	...	...	...
22	12	Clarke Nickolls	27	...	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Rhlat GS	45	...	...	...	...
1385	818	Daejan	1385	...	...	2.4	17.1
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenham Twsn	114	...	...	3.3	22.2
12	4	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
636	263	Derwent Hldgs	608	...	8.7	1.8	75.8
45	10	Development Sec	39½	...	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
381	170	Estates Agency	372	...	7.5	2.6	∞
27	7½	Estates Gen	19½	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	212	+1	...	2.7	18.7
35½	11	Five Oaks	32½	-½	...	...	...
64	30	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
490	276½	Frogmore	485	...	...	4.1	23.4
200	97	Grainger	198	...	5.2	3.3	44.3
233	116	Gr Portland	216	...	...	4.7	20.4
33	7½	Greycoat	31	...	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	188	-1	...	3.4	24.8
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	62	...	0.5	1.0	...
427	257½	Hammerson	399	+2	10.0	3.1	40.4
663	245	-do- 'A'	364	+2	10.0	3.4	36.8
292	127	Helical Bar	288	-1	...	2.1	10.3
39	19	Hemingway	35	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	133	...	...	...	...
740	435	Land Sec	708	-3	22.8	4.0	21.3
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	107	...	4.0	4.7	16.6
4½	3½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
537	315½	MEPC	496	-3	...	5.0	21.3
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
145	90	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
5	3	Markheath	3½	-½	...	...	...
74	12	Merivale Mre	64	...	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Est	46	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1265	+65	20.0	2.0	12.6
170	112	Mucklow (A&J)	170 †	...	...	4.5	26.5
46	30	Olives Prop	41	...	...	...	...
10½	2½	Osprey Est	2½	...	...	...	0.7
172	88	PSIT	163	...	4.1	3.2	32.3
359	138	Peel	356	-2	4.0	1.4	...
16	5	Power Corp	6	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	36	-2	...	...	10.3
75	40	Raglan	47	-2	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	21½	-1	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
76	39	Savills	73	...	...	1.7	28.9
113	34	Scot Met	90	-1	...	2.1	∞
117	39	Shaftesbury	117	...	...	...	...
15	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
272	139½	Slough Estates	246	...	...	4.1	17.2
87	56	Southend Prop	81	-2	...	3.7	...
39	16	Stanhope Prp▲	32	-2	...	...	...
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	...
137	79	Town Centre	134	...	...	3.2	23.6
93	43	Trafford Park	88	...	...	4.0	20.3
56	17	UK Land	30	-1	...	...	...
18	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
271	180	Warner	269	...	10.4	4.8	34.6
219	168	Warnford	212	...	7.5	4.4	15.5
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	86	-3½	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	66	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagic▲	26	+2	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	178	...	...	2.1	40.2
500	315	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
100	44	Pittards	55	...	1.5	3.4	15.7
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	-1	1.0	5.7	6.1
217	89	Stylo	217	+6	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	63 †	...	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	518	...	12.7	3.1	16.6
59	54	Beckman (A)	56	-1	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	31	-2	...	...	...
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Chamwell▲	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gt	348	-2	7.5	2.7	21.7
601	522	Courtauld Tex	573	-2	13.9	3.0	15.7
53½	24½	Cupid▲	27	...	...	...	...
348½	186	Dawson	186	-1	...	6.0	14.2
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
84	65	Fampel▲	83	...	...	7.4	12.9
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
133	92	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	218	...	...	2.3	16.9
90	45	Jerome (S)	70 †	-1	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	421 †	...	12.0	3.6	27.8
515	353½	Leeds	499	...	...	1.9	24.1
64	15	Lister	57	-1	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	86	...	...	4.8	...
215	89	Magellan	215	...	1.4	0.8	...
234	69	Parkland 'A'	213 †	...	3.0	1.8	...
102½	63	Readicut	96½	...	...	4.5	18.2
66	35	SEET	55	-1	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	136	...	...	5.0	9.3
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	-1	1.8	3.3	17.4
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	284	-1	11.5	5.1	24.5
62½	32½	West Trust	33½	...	2.5	9.3	∞
217	126	Yorklyde	208 †	...	...	3.2	13.6

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
512	407	BAT	512	+7	...	4.7	15.3

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	476	-8	...	2.3	...
905	707	BAA	896	-2	...	2.2	22.2
401	249	Br Airways	399	+4	...	3.3	19.2
110	56	Clarkson (H)	95	...	1.7	2.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	449	-6	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	80	...	0.5	0.8	31.5
211	147	IoM Steam	207	...	...	5.1	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	34	...	0.5	1.8	...
102	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	102	+5	...	1.3	18.7
445	264	Mersey Docks	428	-7	...	2.6	29.1
271	181	Natl Express	261	...	...	3.4	27.0
284	230	NFC	239	-2	6.5	3.4	18.2
343	244	Ocean Group	326	-3	...	5.5	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	65 †	...	4.0	7.7	11.8
676	504	P & O Dfd	538	+1	...	7.1	29.2
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	186	...	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	598	-5	...	4.7	23.2
225	117	Seacon▲	214	+1	...	3.2	13.5
163	112	Stagecoach	141	-2	...	3.4	∞
81½	31½	TNT	73½	-1	...	...	...
773	634	Tibbet & Britten	751	-4	12.6	2.1	28.8
382	90	Tiphook	95	+1	...	25.4	...
298	227	TDG	272	...	...	4.4	9.0

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
565	453	Anglian Water	506	...	...	5.4	10.0
347	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
702	547	Northumbrian	665	+7	...	4.4	6.8
567	431½	North West	517	+2	...	5.2	9.2
578	439	Severn Trent	539	+2	...	5.0	8.5
617	454	Sthrn Water	566	+3	...	4.7	9.4
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1515	...	47.0	3.9	10.8
622	465	South West	566	+2	...	5.2	9.3
584	454	Thames Water	539	-1	...	5.2	10.2
681	506	Welsh Water	626	+3	...	4.7	6.3
693	536	Wessex Water	631	+2	...	4.3	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	536	-2	...	5.0	9.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100¼	Treas 8½% 1994	100¾	-	8.45	5.47
109½	102	Treas 14½% 1994	102	-	14.12	5.47
109	103	Exch 13½% 1994	103	-	13.03	5.41
105	102½	Treas 10% 1994	102¾ †	-	9.74	5.38
110	105	Exch 12½% 1994	105	-	11.87	5.31
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103¾ †	...	8.69	5.32
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	-	11.15	5.32
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.08	4.80
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-	9.52	5.39
116½	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	-	11.21	5.45
120½	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.95	5.52
125½	121½	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.51	5.61
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117½ †	...	11.28	5.60
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111½ †	-	8.98	5.79
127	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	...	10.96	5.93
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	...	9.27	5.92
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	...	8.01	5.98
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130½	+	11.49	6.15
113	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	+	8.65	6.19
104	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	104½	+	6.95	6.09
104	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104	+	6.95	6.10
101½	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.64	5.56
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	129¼ †	+	10.83	6.43

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	138	+	11.23	6.31
124½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	123½ †	+	9.73	6.45
114½	108	Treas 9½% 1999	113½	+	8.38	6.40
126½	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125	+	9.77	6.53
119	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118½ †	+	8.86	6.45
119	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	118 †	+	8.67	6.52
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112	+	7.98	6.49
133½	125	Treas 13% 2000	132	+	9.78	6.76
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	118½	+	8.46	6.76
119	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	+	8.22	6.87
109	97	Treas 8% 2003	108 †	+	7.38	6.78
122	109½	Treas 10% 2003	121	+	8.22	6.91
126½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125	+	9.17	7.00
81	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80½	+	4.36	6.03
120	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	119	+	7.98	6.98
120½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	119	+	7.96	7.01
138	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	137 †	+	9.11	7.21
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	106½	+	7.50	7.00
131	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	130	+	9.04	7.20
112½	97	Treas 8½% 2007	112	+	7.58	7.08
146	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145	+	9.30	7.22

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	117½	+	7.68	7.11
108	92	Treas 8% 2009	108	+	7.40	7.13
118½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	118	+	7.60	7.14
119	100	Treas 9% 2012	119	+	7.56	7.13
87½	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86½	+	6.33	6.73
107½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106½	+	7.25	7.06
109	93	Treas 8% 2013	109	+	7.33	7.12
150½	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	149 †	+	8.05	7.29
118½	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	118	+	7.40	7.13

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49½	38½	War Ln 3½%	48½ †	+	7.18	...
34½	27	Treas 2½%	33½	...	7.37	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	136½ †	+	...	...
203½	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202½	+	1.37	2.23
112½	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112½	+	1.59	2.20
172	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172	+	2.53	2.88
169½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169½ †	+	2.70	2.99
115½	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	114½	+	2.74	3.02
179½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	178½	+	2.75	2.97
163	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162½ †	+	2.92	3.11
170½	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169½	+	2.97	3.15
140	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	+	3.01	3.17
151½	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150½	+	3.05	3.20
146½	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145½	+	3.10	3.23
123½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122	+	3.10	3.21
123	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121½	+	3.12	3.24

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International calls add to fixture confusion

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LONDON Irish and Wasps may find their scheduled Courage Clubs Championship match to be a moveable feast this season. The two clubs play happily enough at Sunbury today but no league points are at stake since Ireland require the services of three players from London Irish, who are thus allowed to postpone their competitive engagement.

Initially the clubs agreed that April 16 should be the new date. However, the competition regulations say that postponed matches should be played on the first available Saturday and the Senior Clubs Association, keen to keep April 16 as clear as possible for bad-weather postponements, have enforced the regulation.

Allowing for the fact that neither club is keen to play on Christmas Day, the first available date is New Year's day, when there is an Irish trial. It is also two days before the rearranged divisional championship match between London and the South-West, in which Wasps may hope to have an interest.

The SCA has therefore rearranged the match for January 22. That, though, is the day of the Pilkington Cup fifth round in which, again, both clubs will hope to be involved. Thereafter there are collisions with internationals and subsequent cup rounds and, if the match is not played on January 22, it will depend upon the pair's cup exit. If, for example, both were free on April 2 — the date of the cup semi-finals — it would mean them meeting in league games on successive weekends. It is just one more illustration of how little slack there is in the English domestic season.

None of which is likely to worry Bath, who plough on regardless at the head of the league and are unlikely to be halted by Newcastle Gosforth, their opponents at the Recreation Ground today.

In any event, Bath plan a party. It will be the last competitive appearance at home for one who has become a folk legend in the West Country — Gareth Chilcott, prop, thespian, television pundit, author, french polisher, car hirer and entrepreneur. Chilcott, 35 next Saturday, is to step down next month, take to the boards for his annual pantomime appearance and leave the rugby stage next year to the younger generation.

Chilcott is an example of the game making the man. He was not the best behaved of players in his youth but nowhere does the heart of Bath's successful decade beat stronger. Fifteen England caps and a Lions tour were icing on Chilcott's cake but his primary loyalty has been to his club.

England squad players up and down the country will be taking late chances to impress selectors, some of them in unfamiliar positions. Gloucester play Dave Sims at No 8 against Bristol, who have Kyran Bracken at scrum half for the first time in seven weeks. Rory Underwood plays in the centre for Leicester against Harlequins, for whom Brian Moore will be striving to make Geoff Cooke eat his words about English hookers.

In Wales, an elevating Heineken League match is desperately needed, although there is a growing belief that Welsh clubs must look outward if they are to raise standards. Robert Howley, late of Bridgend, will make his debut at scrum half for Cardiff against Newport, and Llanelli, the champions, try to fend off the attentions of Pontypridd.



Chilcott: folk legend

Ireland look to Elwood again

BY DAVID HANDS

STORM cones are nothing new in Irish rugby ("the situation is desperate but never serious," as the old saying goes), so Gerry Murphy, Ireland's coach, was happy to hoist another before his side's first international of the season, against Romania at Lansdowne Road today.

Murphy can point to what happened to Wales against Canada this week. "We are even more determined to take nothing for granted after that result," he said. "Romania are an unknown quantity. They can vary dramatically in performance."

This is Ireland's first outing since that tempestuous March day earlier this year when they tossed aside England's challenge and confirmed that, in Eric Elwood, they have discovered yet another in the distinguished tradition of Irish stand-off halves. However, Elwood now has a reputation to live up to after missing a month's rugby with damaged ribs.

The Irish back division has a familiar look, with only Connor O'Shea, the Lansdowne full back, making his debut. They will, though, have to work hard to match the feats of their predecessors against Romania. In the only previous international encounter between the countries, seven years ago, nine of Ireland's ten tries in a 60-0 drubbing came from the backs.

To that end, Mike Gibson has been working this week with the Irish squad. Gibson, one of the world's outstanding players during the 1960s and 1970s with 69 caps and five British Isles tours, has had no involvement with representative rugby since his playing career ended, but has responded to an invitation from the Irish manager, Noel Murphy, with whom he played 21 internationals.

Ireland's pack will be without the suspended Peter Clohessy, so Gary Halpin, the London Irish tight-head prop, wins his sixth cap, while Nick Popplewell, at loose-head, has not played since October 9 because of hamstring trouble.

The respective captains, Michael Bradley and Harry Dumitras, who is in his ninth season of international rugby, are the only survivors of the 1986 game. The Romania selectors have made nine changes from the team that lost 51-0 to France in Brive last month.

IRELAND: C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne); R M Wallace (Garryowen), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish), E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constnution, capatin), N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), G F Halpin (London Irish), M J Galwey (Shannon), P S Johns (Dungannon), N P Francis (Old Belvedere), W D McBride (Malone), B F Robinson (Ballymena).

ROMANIA: V Brici (Farul Constanta), C Sasu (Farul Constanta), G Solomie (Dinamo Bucharest), L Colceriu (Steau Bucharest), N Fulina (Farul Constanta), S Rosu (Sipca), D Neaga (Dinamo Bucharest), G Leonte (Vienne), C Gheorghe (Grivita), G Vlad (Grivita), H Dumitras (Pau, captain), T Oroian (Steau Bucharest), A Girbu (Farul Constanta), A Gurenieecu (Dinamo Bucharest), T Brinza (Clui)

Referee: R Yeman (Wales)



JULIAN HERBERT

King Of The Lot and Adrian Maguire, nearside, matching strides with Young Snugfit before galloping clear to an emphatic ten-length victory at Cheltenham

Staunch Friend earns 20-1 Champion quote

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

STAUNCH Friend, an exciting hurdler, gained more valuable experience of Cheltenham yesterday when he ran out an easy winner of the ASW Hurdle after jumping impeccably on his seasonal reappearance.

The five-year-old, a serious contender for Champion Hurdle honours in March, came through to master Arabian Bold soon after the last in a race not run to suit him. On ground far livelier than he likes, Staunch Friend did just enough under his new rider, Declan Murphy, and took only a few strides to pull himself up once he passed the winning post half-a-length in front.

The horse needs to sharpen his act if he is to upset the reigning champion, Granville Again, yet his trainer, Mark Tompkins, was in no doubt his charge would improve considerably for the outing. "This is a proper horse," he said. "He was nowhere near wound up today, and it was far too quick for him."

The bookmakers saw nothing much to enthuse about, however, and 20-1 is freely available about Staunch Friend for the Champion Hurdle. Hills bracket the Irish pair of Montelado and Vintage Crop together as 6-1 joint-favourites, with Granville Again a point longer.

"His two bad runs last season came in Rome and in the Champion Hurdle," Tompkins continued. "Both times the ground was fast, so we have to hope the going is kinder to him come March."

Adrian Maguire rode the horse to an impressive victory in the Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr in April, but Murphy will continue the alliance on account of his greater availability. On this occasion Murphy faced something of a dilemma as Arabian Bold had established a long lead before the third-last hurdle.

Consequently, the Irish jockey had to abandon plans to wait in the rear as long as possible. He must have been pleased with the response, too, as Staunch Friend cut back Arabian Bold's 20-length advantage in the space of two furlongs. He clearly still retains his turn of foot.

Another Irish jockey making a name for himself is Mick Fitzgerald, who took full advantage of a lucrative spare ride when driving Light Veneer to a four-length success in the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Championship Final. Dean Gallagher, who was due to ride, fractured his right hand in a fall at Newbury on Wednesday.

David Nicholson has an improving ten-year-old in King Of The Lot, who always held too many aces for Young Snugfit in the Taylors Estate Agents Chase over two miles.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.20 Tribeca. 12.50 Persian Gusher. 1.20 Sense Of Priority. 1.50 Strapped. 2.25 Mahaasin. 2.55 Dark Den. 3.25 Make A Note. 3.55 Aberlady.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.20 LAKEDALE POWER TOOLS MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,435: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	5305	KENYATTA 112 A Moore 4-9-5	B Rouse	12
2	0605	OOZLEM 8 (6) R Flower 4-9-5	T Williams	3
3	0202	ABLE CHOICE 12 R Armstrong 3-9-0	R Price	6
4	0630	BEVERLY KNIGHT 25 D Murray Smith 3-9-0	L Dettori	5
5	0054	DANAMORE 12 R Guest 3-9-0	J Quinn	1
6		HOSTILE INVADER C Cyzer 3-9-0	T Quinn	11
7	0	LUNAR PRINCE 57 (V) P McBride 3-9-0	C Hodgson	2
8	00-	MISTRESS MINX 442 M Smith 4-9-0	S D Williams	8
9	0-00	ROXY RIVER 15 J Spearing 4-9-0	A Mackay	14
10	4050	SHARRO 15 P Kelleway 3-9-0	D Harrison	10
11	-235	AL SHAATI 143 R O'Sullivan 3-8-9	D Biggs	7
12	0560	CANDARELA 15 P Howling 3-8-9	Debbie Biggs (7)	4
13	0	GLISTENING DAWN 19 R Peacock 3-8-9	M Tebbutt	9
14	43	TRIBECA 14 H Cecil 3-8-9	A Munro	13

11-10 Tribeca, 5-1 Al Shaati, 7-1 Beverly Knight, 8-1 Able Choice, 10-1 others.

12.50 HITACHI POWER TOOLS CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,075: 7f) (14)

1	2443	ZEBOIM 88 (V,C,F,6) W Muir 7-8-7	Kim McDonnell	3
2	0-41	PREDICTABLE 295 (CD,G) Mrs A Knight 7-8-13	Alex Greaves	12
3	05	RAVE-ON-HALLEY 53 A Bailey 3-8-13	W Hollick (7)	8
4	5620	PERSIAN GUSHER 44 (CD,6) S Dow 3-8-11	D Harrison	11
5	3650	SLEEPTITE 9 C Cyzer 3-8-9	W Newnes	5
6	6025	MAID WELCOME 18 (V,F,6) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-6	L Dettori	4
7	0000	FLORAC 3 (F) M Pipe-Ellis 3-8-6	D Wright (5)	13
8	0000	ANOTHER KOSSOMI 40 (D,F,5) P Howling 3-8-5	J Quinn	2
9	0100	FINJAN 10 (D,F,5) A Foster 6-8-5	S McCarthy (7)	1
10	0000	M'BEBE 46 A Moore 3-8-5	N Adams	6
11	0346	NO GAIN 40 B Smart 3-8-4	Dale Gibson	14
12	0500	WALK THAT WALK 19 (6) K Wingrove 4-8-4	R Lappin	9
13	0-4F	JIM CANTLE 99J R Hoad 3-8-3	Paul Eddery	10
14	-060	BELLA BAMBOLA 100 X Cunningham-Brown 3-8-0	G Bardwell	7

3-1 Maid Welcome, 4-1 Predictable, 5-1 Zeboim, 7-1 Persian Gusher, 8-1 others.

1.20 HITACHI POWER TOOLS CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,057: 7f) (14)

1	2444	MR CUBE 46 (C,F,6) P Cole 3-9-5	T Quinn	5
2	1000	METAL BOYS 9 (F,6,5) R O'Sullivan 5-9-1	D Biggs	12
3	4900	RESPECTABLE JONES 19 (CD,F,6,5) R Hollinshead 7-8-1	S Parks	3
4	50-4	RAD 226 S Woods 3-8-9	A Clark	9
5	1000	SENSE OF PRIORITY 26 (D,F) M H Easterby 4-8-11	D Holland	13
6	5452	TEE-EMM 78 (C,5) P Howling 3-8-11	T Williams	8
7	0600	DISTANT DYNASTY 9 J Long 3-8-9	R Price	14
8	0306	GALLERY ARTIST 19 (C,D,6,5) R Guest 5-8-8	S Eckley (7)	6
9	5150	FAY'S SONG 9 (C,F,6) R Akehurst 5-8-6	L Carter (7)	7
10	0000	KELLY'S KITE 50 (F,6) H Collingridge 5-8-6	C Hawksley (7)	11
11	0	DUE TEE AH 114 M Muggeridge 3-8-4	D Wright (5)	1
12		RED TAG P Mahon 3-8-4	T Sprake	2
13	00-0	ROUGH GUESS 9 J Spearing 3-8-4	A Mackay	10
14	0006	GREY WATCH 122 P Howling 3-8-2	J Quinn	4

3-1 Fay's Song, 7-2 Respectable Jones, 9-2 Mr Cube, 8-1 Sense Of Priority, 8-1 Gallery Artist, 10-1 Metal Boys, 12-1 others.

1.50 AEG POWER TOOLS CRAFTSMAN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,702: 7f) (16)

1	0004	CLASSICAL 3 (B) B Meehan 8-11	B Rouse	14
2	00	CLASSIC MELODY 92 R Hoad 8-11	W Newnes	11
3	5	DOME PATROL 100 W Muir 8-11	A Munro	16
4	0	HE'S BIZZI 55 (B) G Moore 8-11	A Mackay	7
5	0330	LITTLE BIAR 30 (B) N Callaghan 8-11	L Dettori	8
6	0606	MR MORIARTY 14 M Jarvis 8-11	K Rutter (5)	4
7	4504	NORTHERN STORM 23 S Woods 8-11	D Biggs	2
8	0000	PETITJEAN 12 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	15
9	1665	STRAPPED 5 (5) M Channon 8-11	R Painter (7)	12
10	0204	BET A PLAN 3 (B,BF,F) G Lewis 8-6	B Russell (5)	5
11	6305	CAZANOVE'S PET 9 G Bravery 8-6	C Hodgson (3)	6
12	0450	CHARISMA GIRL 3 (F) R Curtis 8-6	G Bardwell	9
13	4020	CHARLIES DREAM 44 K Burke 8-6	J Quinn	13
14	0	NORTH TO GLORY 25 R Voorspuy 8-6	D Harrison	1
15	0044	ROSE OF GLENN 28 B Palling 8-6	D Holland	10
16	0000	SOUTHDOWN GIRL 14 P Butler 8-6	L Newton (5)	3

4-1 Strapped, 5-1 Dome Patrol, 6-1 Northern Storm, 7-1 Bet A Plan, 8-1 Classical, 10-1 Little Biar, Petitjean, 12-1 Charisma Girl, 14-1 others.

2.25 MAKITA POWER TOOLS HANDICAP (£2,145: 1m 4f) (16)

1	-300	MELODY MOUNTAIN 57 C Britain 4-9-11	B Doyle (5)	2
2	0100	CASPIAN BELUGA 18 (CD,G,5) Mrs A Knight 5-9-8	J Quinn	9
3	4402	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 9 (6) D Thom 4-9-7	K Rutter (5)	5
4	4001	MAHAASIN 9 (D,6) A Bailey 5-9-1	A Mackay	3
5	0440	SARUM 9 (C,F,6) C Wildman 7-9-1	C Rutter	15
6	3044	TELEPHUS 23J (F) B McMahh 4-9-0	T Quinn	6
7	4600	HOTSOCKS 15 (5) Pat Mitchell 3-8-13	A Munro	4
8	0010	CRETOES DANCER 19 (B,C,6) W Muir 4-8-12	Kim McDonnell	14
9	4102	RAGTIME SONG 19 (C,D,F,6) A Moore 4-8-10	N Adams	11
10	5400	JULFAAR 15 (D,F) J Pearce 5-8-9	G Bardwell	1
11	2126	PREMIER DANCE 39 (C,D,F,6) D Haydn Jones 5-8-9	D Wright (5)	13
12	2025	FAMOUS BEAUTY 9 (D,F,G,5) R Hollinshead 6-8-6	A Garth (5)	16
13	1464	HEAD TURNER 15 (6,5) C Wildman 5-8-6	Paul Eddery	8
14	/005	YOUNG FACT 19 (C,F) R Baker 5-8-5	B Russell (5)	12
15	4063	MILREAVE 9 (D,F,5) M Johnston 3-8-4	L Dettori	7
16	0330	CHILD STAR 10 (6,5) D Marks 4-8-3	D Biggs	10

9-2 Nilinguele, 6-1 Caspian Beluga, 7-1 Captain Marmalade, 8-1 Mahaasin, Telephus, 10-1 Ragtime Song, 12-1 Head Turner, 14-1 others.

2.55 LAKEDALE POWER TOOLS MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,406: 1m 2f) (14)

1	0-0	BLANCHLAND 21 P Harris 4-9-5	L Dettori	9
2		CANVAS HEART Bob Jones 4-9-5	M Wigham	2
3	2662	DUR EDDIE 9 (V) B Gubby 4-9-5	B Russell (5)	12
4	0	BILLESCLOWN 154 J Pearce 3-9-0	G Bardwell	3
5	3540	CALL ME BLUE 9 (5) T Naughton 3-9-0	Paul Eddery	1
6	0632	DARK DEN 11 Mrs J Cecil 3-9-0	Paul Eddery	4
7	0	DOCK OF THE BAY 9 P McBride 3-9-0	P Bowe (7)	6
8	00	HONEY GUIDE 214 R Baker 3-8-9	A Mackay	11
9	3350	LEEWA 123 W Muir 3-8-9	W Newnes	13
10	5-20	SHARP DANCE 19J B Smart 4-9-0	Stephen Davies (3)	7
11	2080	WELL SUITED 52 B McMath 3-9-0	A Munro	5
12	0600	XENESHA 9 S Dow 3-8-9	T Williams	10
13	00	MISS IN-A-BIT 25 N Smith 3-8-9	S D Williams	8
14	2260	SAKURA QUEEN 53 (6) S Woods 3-8-9	D Biggs	14

4-5 Dark Den, 5-1 Sharp Dance, 6-1 Leewa, 8-1 Call Me Blue, 10-1 Well Suited, 14-1 Our Eddie, 16-1 others.

3.25 SOUTHRIVER TOOLS & FIXINGS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,348: 1m) (11)

1	1213	MAKE A NOTE 8 (D,F,6) R Hannon 9-7	L Dettori	10
2	5013	FAWLTY TOWERS 29 (5) P Cole 9-4	A Munro	9
3	010	ALASKIAN HEIR 21 (C,5) D Murray Smith 8-8	C Rutter	1
4	4030	EUROPHARM LASSIE 5 G Moore 8-6	B Rouse	4
5	5201	MAKE THE BREAK 5 (6) R Hannon 8-6	T Quinn	7
6	0540	CALLING 30 (5) J Hills 8-1	Paul Eddery	11
7	2332	PRINCESS CARMEN 58 (BF) N Callaghan 7-13	J Quinn	2
8	0406	RIVA'S ROCK 38 J Bethell 7-9	Dale Gibson	6
9	2220	CHIEF EXECUTIVE 21 W Muir 7-8	Kim McDonnell	5
10	0023	MISS FREEBIE 14 R Whitaker 7-7	D Wright (5)	8
11	4116	BENFLEET 22 (D,6,5) R Armstrong 7-7	D Biggs	3

3-1 Benfleet, 9-2 Make The Break, 5-1 Make A Note, 7-1 Alaskan Heir, 8-1 Princess Carmen, 10-1 Fawlty Towers, 12-1 Miss Freebie, 14-1 others.

3.55 SCENA HOLDINGS HANDICAP (£2,181: 5f) (10)

1	0001	EDUCATED PET 9 (C,D,F,6,5) P Evans 4-10-3	S Sanders	(7) 2
2	0600	DANMERA 7 (B,CD,6,5) P Howling 3-10-0	B Rouse	8
3	0000	MY BONUS 40 (D,F,5) D Cosgrove 3-10-0	L Newton	(5) 9
4	5200	THE INSTITUTE BOY 209 (B,C,D,6) K Burke 3-9-12	S Webster	3
5	1060	FIRST OPTION 7 (D,F,G,5) M H Easterby 3-9-12	D Holland	5
6	5325	ABERLADY 61 (D,F,6) M Jarvis 3-9-6	L Dettori	10
7	5305	DARE SPARROW 54 (V,BF,F) P Walwyn 3-9-6	Paul Eddery	7
8	2450	CLANROCK 29 R Whitaker 3-9-3	S Parks	6
9	3406	COMET WHIRLPOOL 61 (B,D,6) Pat Mitchell 3-9-3	J Quinn	1
10	0000	SERIOUS HURRY 9 (CD,F,6) C C Elsey 5-9-2	T Quinn	4

3-1 Educated Pet, 4-1 My Bonus, 5-1 Dare Sparrow, 6-1 Clanrock, 7-1 Serious Hurry, 8-1 Aberlady, 10-1 First Option, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Bob Jones, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; R Hollinshead, 11 from 43, 25.6%; Mrs J Cecil, 2 from 12, 25%; R Guest, 5 from 28, 21.4%; M Johnston, 18 from 87, 20.7%; G Lewis, 6 from 30, 20.0%

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 9 winners from 34 rides, 26.5%; Alex Greaves, 12 from 56, 21.4%; K Rutter, 9 from 43, 20.9%; T Quinn, 58 from 295, 19.7%; P Bowe, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Stephen Davies, 7 from 41, 17.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 12.20 Lunar Prince. 1.50 Classic Melody, He's Bizzi, Little Biar. 2.55 Call Me Blue, Sakura Queen. 3.25 Europharm Lassie, Calling.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

1.05 My Harvinski. 1.40 San Lorenzo. 2.10 Channels Gate. 2.45 Beyond Our Reach. 3.15 Unholy Alliance. 3.45 Easthorpe.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.05 MILL STREAM JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,480: 2m) (21 runners)

1	13	CHAPPUCCI 40 (B,BF,6) J White 11-5	N Williamson	
2		AMILLIONMEMORIES 102 Mrs B Warlow 10-12	N Mann	
3	054	ANY MINUTE NOW 72 R Akehurst 10-12	J Bridgwater	
4		COMBRO STAR 39F J Jenkins 10-12	S Smith Eccles	
5		EL GRANDO 67F K Cunningham-Brown 10-12	D O'Sullivan	
6		FINDON ACADEMY 61F G L Moore 10-12	H Jenkins	
7		HOBBS 16F E Pritchard-Gordon 10-12	H Davies	
8		JACKSONS BAY 126F R Rowe 10-12	T Grantham	
29	0	LOCHORE 7 R Ingram 10-12	M A Fitzgerald	
10		MORAN BRIG 110F G Balding 10-12	S Hodgson	
11		MY HARVINSKI 117F P Hedger 10-12	M Richards	
12	0	SHARED GOLD 51 J Bosley 10-12	M Bosley	
13		TOP GUNNER 182F Mrs M Long 10-12	R Rowell	
14	3253	APACHEE FLOWER 22 H Rowe 10-7	J Frost	
15		BAJAN AFFAIR 89F Miss L Siddall 10-7	A Thornton (3)	
16		HERETICAL MISS 23F C Fitch-Heyes 10-7	B Clifford	
17		MISS COPYFORCE 75F Miss B Sanders 10-7	W McFarland	
18		NATASHA NORTH 129F T Casey 10-7	J Railton	
19		NIGHTMARE LADY 61F R Hume 10-7	J McLaughlin	
20		SACHA STAR B Palling 10-7	R Greene	
21		TREBLE LASS 49F B Meehan 10-7	J Leech	

7-2 Chappucci, 9-2 Any Minute Now, 5-1 Apachee Flower, 7-1 My Harvinski, 8-1 Lochore, 10-1 Miss Copyforce, 12-1 Findon Academy, 14-1 others.

1.40 ETON WICK NOVICES CHASE (£2,485: 2m) (15)

1	1343	PARBOLD HILL 7 (D,F,6) K Burke 5-11-8	J Duggan	
2	41-3	EASY BUCK 28 (BF,F,6,5) N Gaselee 6-11-0	J Frost	
3	P0/6-	HELL OF A GUY 386 (S) B L Moore 6-11-0	H Jenkins	
4	44FF	IMPERIAL FLIGHT 18 (F,6) J King 8-11-0	A Thornton (3)	
5	038-	LUCKY BLUE 185 R Hodges 6-11-0	I Lawrence	
6	04-2	MASROUG 17 (5) A Moore 6-11-0	J Clarke (7)	
7	-R92	SAN LORENZO 10 (B,F,6,5) K Bailey 5-11-0	N Williamson	
8	45-6	SING THE BLUES 47 (6) C Benstead 9-11-0	D Morris	
9	-0PP	STORM FLIGHT 22 R Baddiel 7-11-0	S Earle	
10	PPPP	VANSLY BLAZED 15F (P) C Hogan 9-11-0	Peter Hobbs	
11	/P0-	WAYWARD WIND 249 J Webb 9-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	
12	0-P0	ALLIED'S TEAM 16 J Joseph 6-10-9	D Skyrme	
13	-044	BUSTLING AROUND 7 J Bosley 6-10-9	NON-RUNNER	
14	40-4	CHAPEL HILL 28 A Turnell 5-10-9	D Fortt (7)	
15	2/00	PALM SWIFT 37 A Chamberlain 7-10-9	A Tory	

5-2 Easy Buck, 7-2 San Lorenzo, 6-1 Chapel Hill, 8-1 Parbold Hill, Masroug, 12-1 Lucky Blue, 14-1 Sing The Blues, 16-1 others.

2.10 ROYAL BERKSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,820: 3m) (4)

1	511-	SOLIDASAROCK 190 (D,F,G,5) R Akehurst 11-12-0	D Bridgwater	
2	U4-1	CHANNELS GATE 18 (6,5) J Edwards 9-11-8	M Williamson	
3	61-P	STEPFASTER 14 (D,F,6) Miss L Siddall 8-11-2	A Thornton (3)	
4	235-	UNDER OFFER 207 (B,6,5) J King 12-10-0	M A Fitzgerald	

11-10 Channels Gate, 2-1 Solidasarock, 9-2 Under Offer, 7-1 Stepfaster

2.45 MARINA NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 6f 110yd) (12)

1	3/3U-	BEYOND OUR REACH 29F R Hodges 5-10-12	H Davies	
2	PD	BISHOPS TRUTH 12 R Curtis 7-10-12	D Morris	
3	P	COAL NOT DOLE 28 J Upson 5-10-12	Mr T Byrne (5)	
4		FOREST FEATHER C Weedon 5-10-12	Peter Hobbs	
5	P00-	GREEN'S TRILOGY 217 K Clutterbuck 5-10-12	M Ahern	
6	P	OUR WIZZER 42 J Mullins 4-10-12	S Earle	
7	5	SHERWOOD BOY 29 K Bailey 4-10-12	N Williamson	
8	4F/0	SWING LUCKY 21 K Ivory 8-10-12	M Richards	
9	-242	URBAN COWBOY 21 C James 6-10-12	M A Fitzgerald	
10		ANOTHER LOAN S Mellor 6-10-7	A Procter (5)	
11	0	BLUE TAIL 12 P Butler 5-10-7	S Arnold (7)	
12	430/P	SHAURNI GIRL 75 R Harris 5-10-7	J McLaughlin	

9-4 Urban Cowboy, 7-2 Sherwood Boy, 5-2 Beyond Our Reach, 6-1 Another Loan, 10-1 Bishops Truth, Blue Tail, 14-1 others.

3.15 SAXON HOUSE NOVICES CHASE (£2,968: 2m 5f) (12)

1	-31F	CONGREGATION 16 (5) R Rowe 7-11-8	H Davies	
2	36-U	BATHWICK BOBBIE 15 A Turnell 6-11-0	D Fortt (7)	
3	405-	HILLWALK 227 (6) R Curtis 7-11-0	D Morris	
4	-45P	MUTUAL BENEFIT 25 (V) T Casey 6-11-0	A Thornton (3)	
5	PP-F	POLYNOGAN 24 R Buckler 7-11-0	Peter Hobbs	
6	-054	TRAIN ROBBER 12 W McKenzie-Coles 8-11-0	W Irvine	
7	3R4-	UNHOLY ALLIANCE 225 (F,5) K Bailey 5-11-0	N Williamson	
8	554/P	VISION OF WONDER 9 (F) J King 9-11-0	S Smith Eccles	
9	0444	TAPESTRY DANCER 17 (6) M Haynes 5-10-13	D Skyrme	
10	3344	WAGGIO 21 (5) J Akehurst 5-10-13	J Railton	
11		HOPS AND POPS R Ajner 6-10-9	NON-RUNNER	
12	-25U	POWER HAPPY 21 (F) F Yardley 8-10-9	B Clifford	

3-1 Unholy Alliance, 7-2 Bathwick Bobbie, 9-2 Congregation, 8-1 Tapestry Dancer, 8-1 Waggio, 12-1 Train Robber, Power Happy. 16-1 others.

3.45 SANDFORD DENE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,132: 2m) (11)

1	23-2	LE METAYER 42 (D,BF,G,5) K Bailey 5-11-10	N Williamson	
2	1-3U	WHEELER'S WONDER 7 (D,BF,F,5) S Llewellyn 4-11-2	Mr J L Llewellyn (7)	
3	4-00	FRONT PAGE 21 (CD,6,5) J Akehurst 6-10-10	J Railton	
4	2325-	MISTER ODDY 337 (D,6) J King 7-10-10	S Smith Eccles	
5	13-2	SOLEIL DANCER 15 (CD,5) D Gingell 5-10-8	Peter Hobbs	
6	4F2-	VICTORY ANTHEM 168 (D,6) P Clarke 7-10-4	T Lawrence	
7	1343	VA UTU 23 (D,F,6) (D) M Channon 5-10-3	Lorna Vincent	
8	25-5	EASTHORPE 23 (D,6) Miss H Knight 5-10-0	M A Fitzgerald	
9	2236/	CHEERY FOX 624 (6) J Bosley 7-10-0	M Bosley	
10	650-	WILL JAMES 183 (B,CD,F,6) C Drewe 7-10-0	D Bridgwater	
11	-53P	PRESENT TIMES 7 (CD,F,6,5) A Taylor 7-10-0	J Clarke (7)	

7-2 La Metayer, 9-2 Va Utu, Wheeler's Wonder, 5-1 Soleil Dancer, 7-1 Easthorpe. 10-1 Front Page, 12-1 Mister Oddy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Upson, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; P Hedger, 7 from 29, 24.1%; J Edwards, 5 from 23, 21.7%; R Akehurst, 7 from 33, 21.2%; D Gingell, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 25, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Leech, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; N Williamson, 7 from 31, 22.6%; B Clifford, 3 from 15, 20%; D Bridgwater, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Richards, 10 from 63, 15.9%; Peter Hobbs, 6 from 41, 14.6%.

☐ The advance going for Aintree's meeting next Saturday is good.

Knifebox targets Rome prize

KNIFEBOX has fine prospects of landing the ten-furlong Premio Roma at the Capannelle, Rome, tomorrow. John Gosden's charge leads a seven-strong British challenge for the last group one event of the European season.

Although he disappointed behind Hatoof in the Champion Stakes on good going last time, Knifebox will be much better suited by this softer surface. He had previously won the Prix Dollar by eight lengths on heavy ground at Longchamp on October 2.

John Dunlop runs Alhijaz and last Saturday's Doncaster winner Captain Horatius. Frenchpark (trained by Michael Jarvis), Port Lucaya, Right Win (both Richard Hannon) and Wootton Rivers (Peter Chapple-Hyam) complete the British team.

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Leicester, Plumpton.
TUESDAY: Wetherby, Warwick, Newton Abbot, Southwell.
WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park, Hereford, Southwell, Kempton Park.
THURSDAY: Haydock Park, Ludlow, Wincanton.
FRIDAY: Ascot, Sedgefield, Leicester.
SATURDAY: Ascot, Aintree, Cattenck Bridge, Towcester, Market Rasen.
(Flat meeting in bold)

SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Interim Lib, Wild And Loose, En-Cee-Tee, Torghia.

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General Idea can continue Weld's chase for success

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

SUCCESS breeds success and Dermot Weld can follow up his historic victory in the Melbourne Cup by sending out **GENERAL IDEA** to win the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham this afternoon.

Weld decided on today's challenge for his top-class chaser after the race last year when unsuitably soft ground saw General Idea finish fourth behind Tipping Tim — but it was in Melbourne that the top Irish trainer confided his hopes of victory.

With the Melbourne Cup taking pride of place at a celebration party that went on long into the night, it became clear that the Mackeson was the next target in Weld's ambitious worldwide campaign.

Weld, who has just been crowned leading Irish trainer for the sixth time in terms of prize-money won and for the sixteenth time for number of winners, will not be at Cheltenham today as he is in the United States to saddle Market Booster in the Yellow Ribbon Stakes at Santa Anita tomorrow.

However, nothing should be read into his absence. "It's always a smashing chase and I am sad to miss it. General Idea is well, travelled over on Thursday and is in good order," he said before departing from his training base at the Curragh.

The winner of more than half his National Hunt starts, General Idea had an unusual tune-up for today's prize by running on the Flat last Saturday, finishing a creditable sixth in the Leopardstown November Handicap.

"Provided the ground is good — he likes good to fast conditions — I think he will run a big race. He is a top-class chaser and an improving horse. The ground was all against him last year," Weld added.

On his last visit to Britain, General Idea just went down to **Second Schedual** in a thrilling finish to last season's Cathcart Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham festival and, with the two horses meeting today on the same terms, it is no surprise which of the other 14 runners Weld regards as the main danger.

Second Schedual, who has moved to David Nicholson from Arthur Moore since last season, has improved his jumping over the past year. Weld added: "He will be fresh, fit and well and I am sure David Nicholson will have him tuned up. The combination of David Nicholson and Adrian Maguire will be tough to beat."

Nicholson echoed those sentiments yesterday after he had watched King Of The Lot win at Cheltenham. "Second Schedual is in as good as form as that winner," he said.

While General Idea has excellent prospects of adding to Ireland's four victories in the race, this is a typically competitive Mackeson and there is a good deal of confidence behind **Storm Alert**.

The Andy Turnell-trained chaser, winner of eight of his last ten chases, is yet to succeed over today's distance, but his breeding suggests he should appreciate the extra half-mile. Just as important, given the weather forecast, he has won on fast and soft ground.

The Gordon Richards-trained **General Pershing** will appreciate cut in the ground and chased home yesterday's winner, King Of The Lot, over two miles at Wetherby on his seasonal reappearance.

Josh Gifford's horses have started to find their form and the talented **Bradbury Star** showed his well-being by beating the 1991 Gold Cup winner, Garrison Savannah, at Cheltenham last month.

Jenny Pitman has a live hope in **Egypt Mill Prince**, who readily won over an extended two miles at Stratford. But his stamina may be stretched over this distance.

☐ Panto Prince misses the Mackeson after bruising himself in his box yesterday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LEOTARD
(1.25 Cheltenham)

Next best: General Idea
(2.00 Cheltenham)

Bradley breaking back into big time

Alan Lee meets a jockey whose ability has never been questioned but who has had to graft to regain the trust of the racing world

The telephone is ringing regularly again in the Bradley household, and the jockey who was once made to feel "like a dodgy car dealer" is in such demand that he now upsets owners only by declining to ride for them. There was a long, lonely period when the rejection slips all went the opposite way.

Life, for Graham Bradley, has taken such a sweet turn that he can only curse that he is 33, and at the wrong end of his riding career. With 18 British winners, plus ten more in Ireland and France, he has eclipsed his previous best start to a season in those heady days with Michael Dickinson, and today at Cheltenham he believes he can win the Mackeson Gold Cup on the Irish-trained Bishops Hall.

He has to believe it. He has, after all, turned down the ride on Morley Street — "a horse with more gears than any I have ridden". He did so, against much well-meaning advice, because he trusted his own instincts as fervently as, so recently, they were mistrusted by others.

The racing game relies on trust to sustain those fragile bonds between owner and trainer, trainer and jockey, jockey and punter. Four years ago, Bradley was widely thought worthy of no trust at all following a bizarre series of misdemeanours and misjudgements.

He rode a finish a circuit early, he lost a race through dropping his hands too soon, he was accused of stopping one horse and even of deliberately falling off another.

"My credibility was very low," he recalls with that native Yorkshire directness. "I got five or six bad bits of publicity and I was sacked by two trainers because their main owners wouldn't have me.

"My agent, Chris Pimlott, told me one day he thought he had more chance of getting rides for Jack the Ripper than for me.

"I think I had always struggled to live down being banned for betting when I was still a 7lb claimer. I had £50 on a 2-1 on shot. It was a pathetic, stupid, immature thing to do, but it stuck with me when all the other troubles came. Everything felt heavier and heavier on my shoulders and I came very close to giving up."

Bradley gives the credit for his survival to David Elsworth, who never lost faith in him and would, left to his own devices, have put Bradley on Desert Orchid when Simon Sherwood retired.

However, the big break came early in 1991 when Bradley succeeded Peter Scudamore as Charlie Brooks's stable jockey. Brooks was a long-time admirer of Bradley's artistic riding style, but feared he would not be so keen on the man. He took the risk with mutual benefit.



Bradley: has trainers vying for his services again

Brooks has found the economics of training at Uplands, Fred Winter's famous old yard, daunting and, last season, he was down to only 25 horses.

Then came Aintree, and Black Humour in the Perrier Jouet Chase. It was a race which re-established Brooks and a ride that reminded everyone that Bradley has a rare and precious talent.

Bradley believes Black Humour can win the Hennessy Gold Cup later this month and names him, along with Mere Class, My Young Man and Couldnt Be Better, as his horses to follow in the Brooks yard.

Following that Aintree ride, however, may be more difficult. Virtually tailed off with a circuit of the three-mile race to run, Bradley calmly picked off some quality opposition and came back to a warm and astonished ovation.

"That was the best ride I've given a horse in my life," he says. "But I think it was when I won on Morley Street the next day that I changed people's opinion of me. I felt tremendous after that, on a high I had never experienced before, but still there was a trace of annoyance that I needed to prove myself. I had been that good half an hour earlier."

Two televised winners at the Punchestown festival late that same month had Irish trainers drooling over Bradley. An offer of a retainer followed from Mouse Morris. But Bradley is content to remain a freelance, commuting each week to Ireland for some choice rides on days when Brooks or Paul Nicholls do not require him.

He lives near Lambourn with girlfriend, Amanda, and the wild and restless days are behind him, evidenced by the fact that he can ride at 10st 1lb when once he struggled to make 10st 12lb.

Leading trainers are now jostling for his services. "I love the phone ringing, love being wanted," he said. "I had a few years I could have done without and it means a lot that people now talk to me like a normal human being again. All I ever wanted was to ride nice horses. I hope I can do it for a few more years yet."

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER

12.50 Springaleak | 2.35 Balasani
1.25 Arcot | 3.10 Baydon Star
2.00 **EGYPT MILL PRINCE** (nap) | 3.45 Wings Cove

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.50 FLOWERS ORIGINAL HANDICAP CHASE (BBC1)
(£7,132: 3m 3f 110yd) (9 runners)

101 043VF0- ROYAL ATHLETE 14 (F,G,S) (G & L Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 10-12-0 ... G Bradley 94
102 15PP-25 SIBTON ABBEY 14 (C,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-11-12 ... P Murphy (7) 96
103 1111V3- ZETA'S LAD 215 (F,G,S) (A Cohen) J Upson 10-11-8 ... R Supple 92
104 0V62-23 GARRISON SAVANNAH 14 (B,C,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-3 ... B Powell 93
105 1112U-24 DAKYNS BOY 14 (G,S) (A Parker) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-11 ... C Llewellyn 92
106 6/45P-12 SPRINGALEAK 14 (BF,F,G,S) (Rashleigh Arms) O Sherwood 8-10-7 ... J Osborne 92
107 11P-241 FAR SENIOR 7 (C,F,G) (Mrs H Dudley) K Bailey 7-10-5 ... Mr M Armytage 97
108 16F6U-1 PARSONS GREEN 14 (B,F,G,S) (R Toodd) N Henderson 9-10-2 ... R Dunwoody ■
109 5650/3-3 WHATS THE CRACK 35 (G) (J Wright) D Nicholson 10-10-0 ... A Maguire 93

Long handicap: Whats The Crack 9-13.

BETTING: 5-1 Zeta's Lad, 11-2 Springaleak, Far Senior, 6-1 Dakyns Boy, Garrison Savannah, Parsons Green, 8-1 Whats The Crack, 10-1 Royal Athlete, 12-1 Sibton Abbey.

1992: BELMOUNT CAPTAIN 7-10-3 R Guest (8-11 fav) G Balding 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZETA'S LAD 5½l 3rd of 27 to Ebony Jane in Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse (3m 5f, soft), with ROYAL ATHLETE (12lb worse off) fell 5th and SIBTON ABBEY (4lb better off) pulled up 5 out.
GARRISON SAVANNAH 22l 3rd of 7 to Barton Bank in the grade II Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good), with SIBTON ABBEY (1lb worse off) 14l 5th.
SPRINGALEAK 3l 2nd of 7 to Latent Talent in a handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good), with DAKYNS BOY (3lb better off) 15½l 4th and ROYAL ATHLETE (5lb better off) 15l 5th. FAR SENIOR beat Nevada Gold 6l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good to firm). PARSONS GREEN beat Vindian 3l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: SPRINGALEAK

1.25 MURPHY'S HANDICAP HURDLE (BBC1)
(£13,550: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

201 22021-1 LEOTARD 44 (C,D,G) (C Heath) O Sherwood 6-12-0 ... J Osborne 95
202 132/5-43 JEASSU 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mills) A J Wilson 10-11-11 ... A Maguire 94
203 5-32212 NAHAR 14 (D,BF,G) (R Crocs) S Dow 8-11-6 ... A Dicken (5) 94
204 3206-60 CLURICAN 15 (D,S) (P Grundy) N Tinkler 4-11-5 ... G Bradley 94
205 5453-01 MIDDLE MARKER 22 (D,G) (Miss M O'Donnell) W Clay 4-11-4 ... Diane Clay 98
206 12106-2 ARCOT 14 (D,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Glover 5-11-4 ... D Murphy 98
207 05-1541 MUSTAHIL 11 (F) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) R Hodges 4-10-0 ... R Dunwoody ■

Long handicap: Mustahil 9-8

BETTING: 5-2 Arcot, Leotard, 5-1 Middle Marker, Nahar, 8-1 Jeassu, 14-1 Mustahil, 16-1 Clurican.

1992: VALFINET 5-10-9 P Scudamore (7-2 fav) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

LEOTARD beat NAHAR (4lb better off) 6l in an 8-runner handicap hurdle here on the Park course here (2m 110yd, good). JEASSU 5½l 3rd of 11 to Smith Too in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). NAHAR neck 2nd of 6 to Bas De Laine in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good). MIDDLE MARKER beat Native Chieftan 1l in a 10-runner conditions hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). ARCOT 6l 2nd of 10 to Toogood To Be True in a handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m, good). MUSTAHIL beat Dundee Prince 10l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, firm).
Selection: ARCOT (nap)

2.00 MACKESON GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (BBC1)
(Grade III: £32,143: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

301 123501- MORLEY STREET 15F (D,F,G,S) (M Jackson Bloodstock) G Balding 9-11-13 ... R Guest –
302 42132-1 GENERAL IDEA 7F (D,G,S) (Dr M Smurfit) D Weld (Ire) 8-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 90
303 34223-1 BRADBURY STAR 24 (CD,F,G,S) (J Campbell) J Gifford 8-11-8 ... D Murphy 89
304 3050-3P TIPPING TIM 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-7 ... C Llewellyn 90
305 312-11 SECOND SCHEDUAL 49 (C,F,G,S) (H McMahon) D Nicholson 8-11-6 ... A Maguire 90
306 11113-1 STORM ALERT 14 (G,S) (Lt Col W Whetherly) A Turnell 7-11-5 ... S McNeill 89
307 2211-32 SPACE FAIR 9 (D,F,G,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 10-11-3 ... L Harvey 92
308 1352-22 ARMAGRET 24 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Wilkinson) B Wilkinson 8-10-11 ... D Byrne 92
309 105-341 BISHOPS HALL 19 (D,F,G,S) (J Carroll) H de Bromhead (Ire) 7-10-11 ... G Bradley 98
310 12111-2 GENERAL PERSHING 15 (D,F,G,S) (J Potter) G Richards 7-10-11 ... N Doughty 94
311 11221-1 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 22 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 11-10-3 ... C Maude ■
312 21513-1 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 16 (B,C,F,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-3 ... J Osborne 98
313 114-111 PANTO PRINCE 9 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 12-10-1 (6ex) ... NON-RUNNER –
314 310/3-13 SWORD BEACH 24 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Mason) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-0 ... P Niven 91
315 1/115-4P BRANDESTON 22 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-0 ... P Murphy (7) 84
316 2512/4-5 RIVER BOUNTY 10 (D,F,G,S) (A Cohen) J Upson 7-10-0 ... R Supple 86

Long handicap: Brandeston 9-12, River Bounty 9-7

BETTING: 5-1 General Pershing, 11-2 Bradbury Star, 13-2 Second Schedual, Storm Alert, 7-1 General Idea, 10-1 Bishops Hall, 14-1 Egypt Mill Prince, Guiburn's Nephew, 20-1 Morley Street, Space Fair, Sword Beach, Tipping Tim, 25-1 Armagret, 33-1 Brandeston, 66-1 River Bounty.

1992: TIPPING TIM 7-10-10 C Llewellyn (11-2 fav) N Twiston-Davies 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MORLEY STREET beat Granville Again 1½l in the 6-runner grade I Martell Hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, firm). GENERAL IDEA beat Harristown Lady 6l in a 21-runner listed handicap chase at Galway (2m 6f, yielding). BRADBURY STAR beat Garrison Savannah 1½l in a 4-runner handicap chase here on the Park course (2m 5f, good), with TIPPING TIM (8lb better off) 30l 3rd. SECOND SCHEDUAL beat Practice Run a short head in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Listowel (3m, yielding to soft). STORM ALERT beat Young Snugfit 1½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good). ARMAGRET 2½l 2nd of 7 to Howe Street in a handicap chase at Newcastle (2m 4f, good), with SWORD BEACH ¾l 3rd. BISHOPS HALL beat Caherviltahow ½l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Leopardstown (2m 5f, good to yielding). GENERAL PERSHING 8l 2nd of 4 to King Of The Lot in a handicap chase at Wetherby (2m, good). EGYPT MILL PRINCE beat Drumstick 3½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: ARMAGRET

2.35 WHITBREAD WHITE LABEL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£6,937: 3m 2f) (7 runners)

401 22305-3 BURGOYNE 14 (C,BF,G) (P Saull) M H Easterby 7-11-11 ... P Niven 91
402 44212-P CARDINAL RED 14 (F,G) (Mrs F Walwyn) B De Haan 6-11-7 ... J Osborne 98
403 03/4020- BALASANI 28F (F,G) (M Smith) M Pipe 7-11-5 ... M Perrett ■
404 121002- SILLARS STALKER 7F (F,G,S) (Sillars Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 5-10-0 W Marston (3) 97
405 P32-1P1 NORTHERN VILLAGE 7 (F,G) (Visual Identity Ltd) S Dow 6-10-0 ... A Dicken (5) 88
406 5-41322 NEWTON POINT 24 (C,BF,F,G) (PPS Racing Partnership) T George 4-10-0 ... A Maguire 79
407 4142-04 ARR EFF BEE 21 (B,G) (P Wheeler) J Smith 6-10-0 ... B Powell 67

Long handicap: Sillars Stalker 9-13, Northern Village 9-7, Newton Point 8-11, Arr Eff Bee 8-0

BETTING: 2-1 Balasani, 3-1 Sillars Stalker, 4-1 Burgoyne, 6-1 Northern Village, 8-1 Cardinal Red, 10-1 others.

1992: VAGOG 7-11-3 M Foster (11-1) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BURGOYNE 8l 3rd of 6 to Deb's Ball in the grade II West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby (3m 1f, good), with CARDINAL RED (4lb better off) tailed off when pulled up before 3 out.
CARDINAL RED 3½l 2nd of 7 to Boscean Chieftain in a hurdle at Haydock on penultimate start (3m 7f 110yd, good to firm), with BURGOYNE (4lb worse off) 8½l 5th.
BALASANI short-head 2nd of 6 to Boscean Chieftain in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft).
SILLARS STALKER 2½l 2nd of 21 to Olympian in a handicap hurdle here (2m 5f, good to firm), with BALASANI (2lb better off) 11½l 7th. NORTHERN VILLAGE beat Bas De Laine a head in a 7-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good). NEWTON POINT 3l 2nd of 9 to Special Account in a handicap hurdle here on the Park course (2m 7f 110yd, good). ARR EFF BEE 29½l 4th of 12 to Troodos in a handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good).
Selection: SILLARS STALKER

3.10 COVENTRY NOVICES CHASE (£6,840: 2m) (4 runners)

501 11213-1 BAYDON STAR 10 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 6-11-6 ... A Maguire 90
502 31F61-3 COUNTRY LAD 10 (G,S) (S Douch) Mrs S Williams 5-11-2 ... S McNeill 70
503 F111-22 GANDOUGE GLEN 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 6-11-2 ... D Murphy 89
504 P2113-1 GHIA GNEUIAGH 14 (G,S) (Mrs S Scott) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-2 ... C Llewellyn ■

BETTING: Evens Baydon Star, 6-4 Ghia Gneuiagh, 5-1 Gandouge Glen, 12-1 Country Lad.

1992: EGYPT MILL PRINCE 6-11-2 M Pitman (100-30) Mrs J Pitman 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAYDON STAR beat San Lorenzo 2l in a 6-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter last time out on chasing debut (2m, good), with COUNTRY LAD (2lb better off) 12l 3rd.
GANDOUGE GLEN 1½l 2nd of 8 to Yellow Spring in a novice chase at Fontwell on penultimate start (2m 3f, good to soft). GHIA GNEUIAGH beat GANDOUGE GLEN 10l in a 9-runner novice chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good).
Selection: BAYDON STAR

3.45 FLOWERS FINE ALES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £3,649: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

601 1 WINGS COVE 22F (D,G) (E Cohen) Lady Herries 11-2 ... E Murphy ■
602 38 BOLTROSE 15 (Mrs E Hitchins) K White 10-12 ... G Bradley 91
603 HUBERT (L Ballinger) R Manning 10-12 ... A Flannigan (7) –
604 40 ONE MORE POUND 14 (R Whitaker) M Dixon 10-12 ... D Murphy 88
605 SPRING MARATHON 26F (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 10-12 ... P Holley –
606 5 TACTICAL TOMMY 14 (The Tavern Syndicate) N Twiston-Davies 10-12 ... C Llewellyn 75
607 HENRIETTA BOO BOO (R Heath) R Weaver 10-7 ... R Guest –
608 LAMBAST 43F (Cheltenham Racing Ltd) D Nicholson 10-7 ... A Maguire –
609 LOVE YOU MADLY (Mrs A Ferrant) M Pipe 10-7 ... J Lower –
610 NANCY 12F (G Wiltshire) D Wintle 10-7 ... W Marston (3) –

BETTING: 8-11 Wings Cove, 7-2 Love You Madly, 5-1 Lambast, 7-1 Tactical Tommy, 10-1 others.

1992: MOHANA 11-1 P Scudamore (6-4) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

WINGS COVE beat Satin Dancer 7l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good), with ONE MORE POUND (4lb better off) 8l 4th. BOLTROSE 1¾l 3rd of 14 to Mr Geneaology in a novice hurdle here on the Park course on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good). TACTICAL TOMMY 17l 6th of 21 to Bugler in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good to firm), with ONE MORE POUND 18l 10th. SPRING MARATHON 2l 2nd of 14 to Fishery Dove in a maiden on Flat at Nottingham (1m 6f, soft). LAMBAST 1½l 2nd of 14 to Faugeron in a claimer on Flat at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). LOVE YOU MADLY placed on the Flat in France.
Selection: WINGS COVE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
K Bailey	13	47	27.7	R Guest	9	34	26.5
N Tinkler	5	19	26.3	Mr M Armytage	5	20	25.0
D Nicholson	32	140	22.9	R Dunwoody	49	216	22.7
N Henderson	19	92	20.7	J Lower	4	24	16.7
N Twiston-Davies	17	83	20.5	A Maguire	12	81	14.8
M Pipe	51	250	20.4	M Perrett	6	44	13.6



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Leotard for belated win

CHELTENHAM
BBC1

12.50: If the heavy rain, which has been forecast, stays away, I would fancy **Far Senior** strongly. Three times a winner here, the Kim Bailey-trained chaser turned in the best performance of his career when winning at Sandown last week, and at the age of seven there is scope for improvement.

However, good or faster ground would appear vital to his chance and should the rain arrive, I would take a risk on John Upson having Zeta's Lad ready for his seasonal debut. Last season's Racing Post Chase winner won first time out last year and appears fairly handicapped, unlike Royal Athlete and Sibton Abbey.

1.25: **Leotard** can gain compensation for last Saturday's debacle following a false start at Chepstow where the Oliver Sherwood-trained hurdler was withdrawn after the injury to Jamie Osborne. Strongly fancied then, he is reported to be in good order to follow up his course and distance win here in September when he displayed markedly improved form. Arcot, for whom Declan Murphy is an eye-catching booking, is the main threat. The Jeremy Glover challenger posseses plenty of speed, but was given too much to do on his debut at Wetherby. Nahar was just caught by Bas De Laine at Ascot after winning at Newbury.

2.00 See above.

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THUNDERER

12.40 Devilry. 1.10 Deep Decision. 1.40 Attadale. 2.10 Whispering Steel. 2.40 Home Counties. 3.10 Mutual Trust. 3.40 Joliver.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

12.40 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE NOVICES CHAMPIONSHIP HURDLE
(Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £2,200: 2m) (8 runners)

1 313 PRINCIPAL PLAYER 10 (D,G) P Monteith 11-4 ... A Dobbin
2 12 RED MARAUDER 10 (D,BF,S) N Mason 11-4 ... J Supple (5)
3 2U DEVILRY 24 G Moore 10-12 ... J Callaghan
4 5 REBEL KING 35 M Barnes 10-12 ... P Waggott (5)
5 FP TAYBRIDGE TOSH 51 T Dyer 10-12 ... P Harley
6 ADMISSION 98F N Chamberlain 10-8 ... A Merrigan
7 FUNNY FEELINGS P Monteith 10-8 ... A Orkney
8 SUIVEZ 30F P Haslam 10-8 ... D Bentley (5)

15-8 Red Marauder, 5-2 Principal Player, 5-1 Devilry, 6-1 Suivez, 10-1 others.

1.10 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA SERIES NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,406: 2m 4f) (11)

1 4-11 DEEP DECISION 38 (D,G) P Cheesbrough 7-11-8 ... K Johnson
2 -111 CLASSIC CONTACT 17 (F,G) N Mason 7-11-4 ... J Supple (5)
3 1P0- CAITHNESS PRINCE 215 (G) C Parker 7-11-0 ... B Storey
4 3- CASTLEFERGUS 427 G Moore 6-11-0 ... J Callaghan
5 /2P- DEEP HAVEN 189 Mrs A Russell 6-11-0 ... K Jones
6 063/ GREENFIELD MANOR 537 N Chamberlain 6-11-0 ... A Merrigan
7 20-0 GYMCRAK STARDOM 14 (G,S) G Holmes 7-11-0 ... L Wyer
8 /3F- LOTHIAN PILOT 394 (D,G) L Lungo 6-11-0 ... T Reed
9 -835 MONAUGHTY MAN 24 E Caine 7-11-0 ... P Williams (5)
10 P-PP VULPIN DE LAUGERE 24 Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 Mr D Parker (7)
11 2P5- RIVER PEARL 238 (C,D,G,S) G Richards 8-10-9 ... M Moloney

2-1 Classic Contact, 9-4 Deep Decision, 5-1 River Pearl, 11-2 Gymcrak Stardom, 12-1 Caithness Prince, Castlefergus, 16-1 Lothian Pilot, 25-1 others.

1.40 TENNENTS LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,584: 2m 4f) (6)

1 111- ATTADALE 40F (D,F,B,S) L Lungo 5-12-0 ... T Reed
2 2-30 WILLIE SPARKLE 7 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-8 ... P Williams (5)
3 -315 BAY TERN 35 (D,F,G,S) T Dyer 7-11-6 ... P Harley
4 -F33 SPACE CAPTAIN 14 (G) G Moore 6-10-13 ... N Bentley (3)
5 13-5 ONLY A ROSE 17 (C,D,G,S) C Thornton 4-10-2 ... D Wilkinson
6 113- TRUMP 170F (D,BF,G) C Parker 4-10-0 ... B Storey

5-2 Space Captain, 3-1 Bay Tern, 9-2 Attadale, 5-1 Only A Rose, 7-1 Trump, 10-1 Willie Sparkle.

2.10 TENNENTS SPECIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£6,850: 2m 4f) (5)

1 111- WHISPERING STEEL 287 (C,D,S) G Richards 7-11-10 ... L Wyer
2 14-5 ROSS VENTURE 10 (D,F,G) L Lungo 8-10-12 ... T Reed
3 4-24 CORNET 24 (V,CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-10-11 ... P Waggott (5)
4 115- RIFLE RANGE 320 (C,D,BF,G,S) J J O'Neill 10-10-9 ... C Grant
5 -215 KUSHBALOO 28 (C,D,BF,F,S) C Parker 8-10-4 ... B Storey

6-4 Whispering Steel, 11-4 Ross Venture, 5-1 Kushbaloo, 11-2 Cornet, 7-1 Rifle Range.

2.40 MONTGOMERIE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,242: 2m) (7)

1 4-22 PERSUASIVE 38F (CD,BF,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-11-13 ... Mr M Buckley (5)
2 12-4 HOME COUNTIES 14 (V,S) D Moffatt 4-11-10 ... D J Moffatt (3)
3 22-5 GOLDEN ISLE 52 (CD,F,G) J Charlton 9-11-4 ... B Storey
4 1336 ALL WELCOME 10 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-3 D Ryan (7)
5 81-5 GLINDIGO 10 (D,G,S) P Monteith 5-10-1 ... T Jenks (5)
6 -118 WEE WIZARD 42 (D,F,G,S) M Barnes 4-10-0 ... A Dobbin
7 24-0 SPANISH FAIR 42 (D,F) Mrs S Bramall 5-10-0 Mr D Parker (7)

9-4 Home Counties, 3-1 Persuasive, 4-1 Golden Isle, 6-1 Glindigo, 7-1 All Welcome, 12-1 Wee Wizard, 20-1 Spanish Fair.

3.10 JOAN MACKAY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,192: 3m 1f) (12)

1 3/PP BISHOPDALE 35 (D,F,G,S) S Coathcick 12-12-0 ... A Merrigan
2 111- MUTUAL TRUST 171 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 9-11-10 M Moloney
3 35/2 DEEP DAWN 35 (S) M Hammond 10-11-2 ... C Grant
4 -2F0 EASTERN OASIS 7 (C,F,G,S) J Andrews 10-10-11 P Williams (5)
5 U33- LUPY MINSTREL 247 (BF,F,G,S) C Parker 8-10-10 ... B Storey
6 421/ BALLINROSTIG 721 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 10-10-10 ... L Wyer
7 U4-3 FUNNY OLD GAME 8 (C,S) D McCune 6-10-9 ... K Johnson
8 -044 ON THE HOOCH 30 (C,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-7 ... Mr J Bradburne
9 U3-6 CLONROCHE DRILLER 8 (G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-10-6 ... Mr D Parker (7)
10 04SF CLASSIC MINSTREL 8 (G) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-0 ... T Reed
11 -434 MOUNTEBOR 8 (D,F,G,S) P Haslam 9-10-0 ... J Callaghan
12 -PFU CELTIC WATERS 24 Mrs D Thomson 8-10-0 ... C Dennis

3-1 Mutual Trust, 7-2 Deep Dawn, 6-1 Funny Old Game, Lupy Minstrel, 7-1 On The Hooch, 10-1 Clonroche Driller, Mountebor, 14-1 Ballinrostig, 20-1 others.

3.40 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,752: 2m) (16)

1 CARIBBEAN SURFER Miss L Perratt 4-11-5 ... Mr M Buckley (5)
2 DERWENT LAD M Barnes 4-11-5 ... A Dobbin
3 DOMINIE J Edwards 5-11-5 ... T Jenks (5)
4 3 EXCUSE ME 35 I Ferguson (Ire) 4-11-5 ... E Husband (7)
5 0 HECTOR MARIO 29 J Edwards 5-11-5 ... Mr G Hogan (7)
6 JOLIVER G Richards 5-11-5 ... N Leach (5)
7 NAUGHTY FUTURE J J O'Neill 4-11-5 ... Miss Sue Nichol (7)
8 NOBLE MONARCH J Hellens 4-11-5 ... A Larnach (3)
9 4 OAKLEY 17 Denys Smith 4-11-5 ... P Waggott (5)
10 0 SCOTTISH GAMBLER 17 M Hammond 4-11-5 ... D Bentley (5)
11 5- THE GREY MONK 247 G Richards 5-11-5 ... B Harding (7)
12 THE PIPE FITTER J J O'Neill 5-11-5 ... N Bentley (3)
13 CORNISH BAY Mrs D Thomson 5-11-0 ... Mr D Mactaggart
14 0-5 CUDDER OR SHUDDER S D Moffatt 4-11-0 ... D J Moffatt (3)
15 GLANDALANE LADY J J O'Neill 4-11-0 ... R McGrath (7)
16 LA DOUTELLE Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-0 ... P Williams (5)

9-2 Dominie, 11-2 Excuse Me, Joliver, 6-1 Oakley, 8-1 The Grey Monk, 10-1 Cudder Or Shudder, Scottish Gambler, The Pipe Fitter, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Thornton, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 26 from 72, 36.1%; J Edwards, 7 from 30, 23.3%; G Richards, 48 from 219, 21.9%; G Moore, 15 from 87, 17.2%; Mrs S Bradburne, 15 from 87, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: D Wilkinson, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; Mr M Buckley, 5 from 13, 38.5%; N Bentley, 3 from 15, 20.0%; A Dobbin, 5 from 33, 15.2%; L Wyer, 10 from 70, 14.3%; N Leach, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

12.45 Kalko. 1.15 The Mrs. 1.45 Mutual Agreement. 2.20 Arany. 2.50 Rodeo Star. 3.20 Dragons Den. 3.50 Free Dancer.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.45 KALKO.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

12.45 TON UP SELLING HURDLE
(£1,841: 2m) (12 runners)

1 4014 KALKO 10 (D,G) M Hammond 4-12-3 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
2 4-54 PORT IN A STORM 9 (BF) N Tinkler 4-11-7 ... G McCourt
3 APRIL CITY 28F M Heaton-Ellis 4-11-2 ... M Dwyer
4 3P-P MY BOOKS ARE BEST 46 R Stone 4-11-2 ... Leesa Long
5 P ANIL AMIT 37 (B) T Bill 3-10-7 ... M Hourigan
6 BLUE TRUMPET 9F D Burchell 3-10-7 ... W Knox
7 3 DUNBAR 8 C Thornton 3-10-7 ... R Garritty
8 05 LITTLE PORKY 37 Mrs H Parrott 3-10-7 ... V Slattery
9 0223 MISTER BLAKE 8 (V,BF) I Campbell 3-10-7 ... R Campbell
10 R0 YOSHAARIK 14 A Forbes 3-10-7 ... Mr K Green
11 40 LA POSADA 14 J Moore 3-10-2 ... P Moore (7)
12 22 SWISS MOUNTAIN 15 (V) A Forbes 3-10-2 ... T Eley (5)

9-4 Kalko, 4-1 Mister Blake, 11-2 Swiss Mountain, 6-1 La Posada, 7-1 Dunbar, 8-1 Port In A Storm, 10-1 Blue Trumpet, 20-1 others.

1.15 TOTE LADY RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,887: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 52-6 KANNDABIL 14 (B,G,S) N Tinkler 6-12-0 ... Lorna Vincent
2 1B11 PURITAN 28 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 4-11-0 ... Mrs P Nash (5)
3 4/00 WINDWARD ARIOM 42 (F,G,S) K Burke 7-10-8 ... Jacqui Oliver
4 P6P- EDDIE WALSHE 204F (F) R Stone 8-10-4 ... Leesa Long
5 21/0 ASTRABEE 38 (C,D,F,G) J Wharton 8-10-4 ... Judy Davies (7)
6 51-2 THE MRS 44 (CD,F,S) J Mulhns 7-10-4 ... Gee Armytage
7 130- MISS CAPULET 264 (CD,G,S) T Donnelly 6-10-2 ... Ann Stokell
8 1/05 DIRECTORS' CHOICE 17 (F,G) T Mills 8-10-2 ... Susan Kersey
9 40-P ANOTHER CORNER 75 (B,D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
10 1361 HUNMANBY GAP 17 (D,G) P Beaumont 8-10-0 ... Mrs A Farrell
11 000- ITALIAN TOUR 168 (F,G) Mrs G Plowright 13-10-0 ... Mrs F Needham
12 0P-0 GLENSTAL PRIORY 8 S Avery 6-10-0 ... Miss R Judge

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2 0-04 FATHER FORTUNE 28 (B) O Sherwood 5-11-8 ... J McCarthy
3 2245 SAFARI PARK 8 (F) B Rothwell 4-11-7 ... G Cahill (5)
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5 30-0 MALVERN MADAM 10 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 ... R Wilkinson (5)
6 -426 MAUREEN'S FANCY 32 J Parkes 8-10-12 ... M Hourigan
7 20-6 VAZON EXPRESS 19 P Dalton 7-10-12 ... D Winter (7)
8 PP-5 RUSTIC FLIGHT 7 R Eckley 6-10-10 ... R Farrant
9 0-05 PRINCETHORPE 14 B Cambidge 6-10-6 ... D Meredith
10 0-00 LEARNER DRIVER 18 (B) K Burke 6-10-1 ... N Juckes (5)
11 PP/0 ARDORAN 9 Miss S Wilton 7-10-0 ... T Eley

9-2 Safari Park, 5-1 Mutual Agreement, 11-2 Rustic Flight, 6-1 Malvern Madam, Vazon Express, 7-1 Maureen's Fancy, 8-1 Father Fortune, 10-1 others.

2.20 LILY SLACK MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,975: 2m) (5)

1 5-4U IN TRUTH 8 (G) M Hammond 5-11-10 ... M Dwyer
2 651- ARANY 14F (D,S) M Tompkins 6-10-13 ... R Campbell
3 2-01 ALOSAILI 12 (D,F,G) B Stevens 8-10-12 ... M Stevens (7)
4 /0/0- FEASIBLE 357 (D,G) S Avery 9-10-10 ... Miss R Judge
5 01-3 FRONT STREET 21 (D,S) S Sherwood 6-10-4 ... G Upton

15-8 Front Street, 5-2 Alosaili, 11-4 In Truth, 4-1 Arany, 12-1 Feasible.

2.50 ANDY AND TRACY'S WEDDING DAY NOVICES CHASE (£2,251: 2m) (5)

1 48/U BLAKE'S TREASURE 30 (V) T Thomson Jones 6-11-0 ... D Meade (7)
2 422- NATIVE MISSION 179F (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 M Dwyer
3 4340 PHALAROPE 21 (V,CD,G) O Brennan 5-11-0 ... Mr A Walton
4 562- RODEO STAR 15F (D,BF,B,S) N Tinkler 7-11-0 ... G McCourt
5 00-P TOI MARINE 24 A Hambly 6-11-0 ... Mr A Hambly

4-9 Native Mission, 11-8 Rodeo Star, 50-1 Phalarope, 66-1 Blakes Treasure, 100-1 Toi Marine.

3.20 COLWICK PARK HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,880: 3m 110yd) (6)

1 PP-4 PHAROAH'S LAEN 22 (D,F,G,S) Miss C Johnsey 12-11-10 ... R Farrant (5)
2 -F1B DRAGONS DEN 11 (D,F,G) S Sherwood 7-11-0 ... G Upton
3 P3-2 MANDER'S WAY 9 (D,G,S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 8-11-0 ... M Dwyer
4 -PU5 JIMMY O'DEA 16 (V,D,F) T Bill 6-10-0 ... T Eley (5)
5 -243 ARD T'MATCH 16 (V,D,G,S) A Forbes 6-10-0 ... Gary Lyons
6 /43- THE TARTAN SPARTAN 236 (D,F) M Wilkinson 9-10-0 ... P Ward (7)

9-4 Dragons Den, 3-1 Ard T'Match, 5-1 Mander's Way, 7-1 Jimmy O'Dea 8-1 The Tartan Spartan, 16-1 Pharaoh's Laen.

3.50 RIVER TRENT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,887: 2m) (11)

1 00 BARTON ROYAL 14 P Ritchens 11-0 ... B Clifford
2 '0 BOLD ACRE 10F D Burchell 11-0 ... R Davis (5)
3 HEATHYARDS BOY 18F R Hollinshead 11-0 ... S Wynne (3)
4 34 HYDE'S HAPPY HOUR 10 N Tinkler 11-0 ... G McCourt
5 5F SEASIDE DREAMER 14 A Hambly 11-0 ... Mr A Hambly
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10 U646 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 14 Mrs S Smith 10-9 ... Gary Lyons
11 WAMDHA 157F K Morgan 10-9 ... A S Smith

9-4 Hyde's Happy Hour, 3-1 Heathyards Boy, 6-1 Seaside Dreamer, 7-1 Free Dancer, 8-1 Sally Of The Alley, 10-1 Torc Mountain, 12-1 Bold Acre, 20-1 others.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Cheltenham

Going: good

1.20 (3m 1f ch) 1, Squire Jim (Mr M Rimell, 9-2); 2, Howaryafxd (6-1); Lusty Light 5-2 fav. 6 ran. 25l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.90; £1.70, £3.30. DF: £14.30. CSF: £26.91.

1.55 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Fairfields Cone (D Meredith, 5-1); 2, Night Wind (6-1); 3, Kano Warrior (4-1 fav). 15 ran. 2l, 1½l. R Dickin. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £2.50, £2.00. DF: £12.10. Trio: £17.20. CSF: £32.83. Tricast: £122.07.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, King Of The Lot (A Maguire, 8-11 fav); 2, Young Snugfit (5-2); 3, Al Hashimi (9-2). 3 ran. 10l, dist. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.48.

3.05 (3m 1f) 1, Light Veneer (M A Fitzgerald, 10-1); 2, Indian Tonic (10-1); 3, Musthaveaswig (6-1). Flashthecash 7-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. 4l, 5l. Mrs M Jones. Tote: £15.90; £2.90, £2.40, £1.30. DF: £54.30. CSF: £87.15. Tricast: £585.63.

3.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Staunch Friend (D Murphy, 6-5 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Arabian Bold (6-1); 3, Amazon Express (2-1). 5 ran. NR: Nocatchim. ½l, 8l. M Tompkins. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £3.40. CSF: £7.73.

4.10 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Fuzzy Logic (C Llewellyn, 8-15 fav); 2, Dolly Oats (7-1); 3, Laughing Gas (20-1). 5 ran. 3l, 10l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.37.

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Going: good

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Linngate (T Reed, 8-11 fav); 2, Ivy House (16-1); 3, Astraleon (5-2). 12 ran. 2½l, 2½l. L Lungo. Tote: £1.80; £1.60, £2.10, £1.20. DF: £12.60. CSF: £13.97.

1.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, One Man (N Doughty, 1-3 fav); 2, Bennen March (20-1); 3, Rushing Burn (100-1). 7 ran. 20l, 15l. G Richards. Tote: £1.40; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £7.86.

2.05 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Linkside (L Wyer, 3-1); 2, Tronchetto (3-1); 3, Rusono (12-1). Secret Sceptre 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 3½l, 25l. M Meagher. Tote: £4.00; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £11.43.

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Surrey Dancer (P Niven, Evens fav); 2, Clear Idea (5-1); 3, Cool Luke (4-1). 11 ran. 5l, 3½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £5.40. CSF: £6.88.

3.15 (2m ch) 1, Positive Action (A Dobbin, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Pressure Game (25-1); 3, Absailor (5-2 jt-fav). 9 ran. 4l, 4l. M Barnes. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £15.10, £1.60. DF: £357.70. CSF: £49.88. Tricast: £156.48.

3.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Shaffic (P Niven, Evens fav); 2, Dancing Dove (8-1); 3, Johns The Boy (11-1). 11 ran. NR: Coqui Lane. Hd, 12l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £5.80. Trio: £7.70. CSF: £10.56. Tricast: £60.84. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £8.90.

Huntingdon

Going: good

12.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Tax The Devil (A Dicken, 10-1); 2, Boxing Match (13-8 fav); 3, West Monkton (9-2). 7 ran. 3l, 15l. S Dow. Tote: £8.00; £2.40, £1.50. DF: £8.00. CSF: £25.35.

1.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Champagne Lad (P Hide, 11-4); 2, Spree Cross (10-1); 3, Castle King (5-1). Granviewaterford 6-4 fav. 6 ran. 1½l, 8l. J Gifford. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £2.90. DF: £10.80. CSF: £25.10.

1.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Kabayil (J Railton, 7-2); 2, Saskia's Hero (16-1); 3, Monday Club (8-1). Mulciber 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Chuck Curley. 3l, 3l. C Egerton. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £4.20, £2.20. DF: £77.20. Trio: £282.90. CSF: £54.44. Tricast: £396.05.

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Jumbeau (P Hide, 9-2); 2, Squeeze Play (11-2); 3, Road To Fame (8-1). Northern Squire 3-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Lusty Lad. 1½l, ½l. J Gifford. Tote: £5.20; £2.10, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £14.30. CSF: £28.77.

2.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Alfa (S Smith Eccles, 8-1); 2, Sail By The Stars (20-1); 3, Glenfinn Princess (12-1). Powleyvale 4-6 fav. 12 ran. 1½l, 1½l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £8.40; £1.80, £4.20, £2.20. DF: £51.00. CSF: £143.42. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (3m ch) 1, Loch Blue (A Dicken, 16-1); 2, Duo Drom (5-2 fav); 3, Cool And Easy (11-4). 9 ran. 1l, 2l. S Dow. Tote: £38.30; £4.50, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £28.20. CSF: £53.28. Tricast: £134.54.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

BBC maintains sports coverage

THE BBC will spend about £90 million in 1994 covering sports events, including the Winter Olympics, the World Cup, the European athletics championships, Test matches, and the Commonwealth Games (John Goodbody writes). The BBC will also be screening the AAA championships for the first time for ten years and an outdoor athletics international because ITV is not interested.

Jonathan Martin, head of BBC Television Sport, promised yesterday that even if no British Isles country qualifies for the World Cup finals next summer, there will only be a slight decrease in the number of hours screened by the BBC. Martin said that the budget for sport had risen by between 25 and 30 per cent over the past five years because of technical requirements and the cost of contracts.

Russians test positive

WEIGHTLIFTING: Four Russians have been found to have used anabolic steroids, bringing to seven the number who have tested positive for banned drugs since the national championships in September. Viktor Polyakov, head of the Russian federation, said that the four failed tests after the St Petersburg championships but declined to name them. The three previous cases led to Russia initially being banned from the world championships, which began in Melbourne yesterday. However, the ban was waived after the federation paid a $50,000 fine.

Challenge on Thames

ROWING: Steve Redgrave, Peter Haining and Wade Hall-Craggs will race each other over the championship course from Putney to Mortlake this morning, re-enacting the challenge races held between professional sculling stars in the past.

The original plan for the race, billed as the Thames World Sculling Challenge, was that Hall-Craggs, Haining, and Thomas Lange, the German Olympic champion, would form the line-up. Lange declined and Redgrave, the three-times Olympic champion, agreed to take his place.

Simtek make moves

MOTOR SPORT: Simtek, the nascent Formula One team based in Banbury, yesterday announced that they had made the $½ million (about £340,000) deposit with the International Automobile Federation that is a prerequisite for teams to enter the Formula One championship. Simtek, who are backed by the former triple world champion, Sir Jack Brabham, also announced that Sir Jack's son, David, will be the team's No 1 driver. The second driver is yet to be announced. Simtek said the cars are likely to be powered by Ford V8 engines.

Allcock and Bell fall

BOWLS: Tony Allcock and John Bell, of England, saw their last hope of reaching the knockout stages in the Hong Kong Classic disappear yesterday when they were beaten 28-26 by Noel Kennedy and Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong. Graham Robertson and Alex Marshall, the defending champions from Scotland, virtually assured themselves of a quarter-final place with two convincing wins. Robert Weale and Will Thomas, of Wales, need a draw against Bell and Allcock this morning to go through.

Bad words in Qatar

SQUASH: The Qatar International, the warm-up event to the men's world championships starting in Karachi next week, began yesterday with Zubair Jahan and Abdul Faheem Khan, of Pakistan, accusing a Welsh referee, Peter Lawrence, of bias after they lost matches to Paul Lord and Tony Hands, of England. Khan lost to Hands on a penalty point and shouted "It is white skins against black skins", as he left the court. Hands said: "It was a 50-50 call and at any other point in the game would have been accepted."

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Dreams shattered in European Tour qualifier

Heggarty looks back in anger

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN MONTPELLIER

BY THE time he reached the last hole of the second round at the European Tour qualifying school here yesterday, Jimmy Heggarty had turned his back on the golf. He hit his final drive then, as his two partners played, stood looking across a course that had just pushed a talented, respected, honest professional to the verge of retirement from the Tour.

Maybe he was recalling the day he holed a long putt across the final green to finish third in the Carrolls Irish Open on his home course at Royal Portrush, or the moment he had to borrow a tee from Fuzzy Zoeller after running to get his clubs for the start of the Open Championship two years ago.

Anything to take his mind off a second-round 77 that has left him nine over par, 17 behind the leader, Lee-John Westwood, and effectively ended his chances of qualifying for the Tour next year. Escape was the instinctive response. "The coward's way out," as Heggarty admitted.

"If I could get a flight out of here now, I'd take it and go home," he said. "It would save the misery. To be honest, I feel like that's it. The last two days have knocked the stuffing out of me. I can't compete anymore."

It is an uncomfortable sight watching a toughened professional pour forth his emotions like a waterfall. Heggarty has eaten with the best, drunk with the best, survived with the best and he deserved a more forgiving stage on which to discover that, at 37, his career has changed from present to past tense.

It is not just that Heggarty is playing badly; he has learnt the altogether less palatable truth that the game has passed him by. Yesterday, Andre Cruse and Chris Hall, his partners, neither particularly big men, were hitting the ball 30 yards further from the tee, heightening the Ulsterman's sense of isolation.

"They all look so young and hit the ball a mile," he said. "It's one of the problems. I haven't gone on with the rest of them. When I started in 1976, there were maybe four or five big hitters. Now it's exactly the reverse. Everyone is hitting the ball 270 yards, no problem, and only a few like me left hitting it 240 yards. That's a struggle."

The trend towards building long, open courses in the American style has not helped the cause of the little man, either, any more than the development of metal drivers. Heggarty still uses wooden clubs. "Even if I was 20 years old today, I would still struggle," he said.

The signs of his disintegration had been visible during a wretched season last year. He lost his European Tour card and, for the first time in a life spent on the golf course, lost his appetite for the game as well. Yet over a long hard winter, finding other means to support his wife and two young children, he thought he had recovered his equilibrium, rekindled his love affair. His wife pushed him into coming to the "Q" school for one last try. "I had never felt like this before last season and I thought I had got rid of it but, obviously, I haven't," he said. "What's wrong with me is that I keep everything inside. It all bubbles away in there and I just don't know how to release the tension. Maybe I can't do it anymore. I'll just have to sit down now and plan out the rest of my life."

A bogey at the 8th and three putts at the 9th destroyed Heggarty's spirit once and for all. But at least he has not forgotten how to smile. "Maybe I should spend the next five months in the gym or find a miracle driver," he said. At least, too, he has inhabited realms sought so desperately by the band of cherubic, earnest young professionals in Montpellier this week. Matt McGuire, 22, and in his first year at the qualifying school, can look back only on long nights spent packing boxes of margarine lids in a plastics factory and, if he fails to qualify for either the full Tour or the Challenge Tour over the next four days, look forward to more of the same. He shot a 76 yesterday to be six over par and needs some birdies to stave off the night shift. "I still haven't had a disaster yet but I'm just not gaining anything," he said. Unlike many young players, McGuire does not have family money to rely on. His father is a maths teacher in Birmingham, his mother a child-minder.

His caddie, who arrived halfway through his first round, is being paid for, temporarily, by the kindly lady from Mimosa Travel, the qualifying school travel agents. He gave up his A levels to play golf and has not earnt a penny from the game yet, so there is no telling when she will be paid back. "I've got nothing to fall back on if I don't make it," he said. "But I've got to start somewhere." And Heggarty has to finish somewhere as well.

IAN STEWART



McGuire faces a difficult start to his golf career as he tries to qualify at the European Tour school in Montpellier

United States let lead slip

SCOTLAND and South Africa shared the early second-round lead as the United States, the defending champions, faltered in the World Cup at Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando, Florida, yesterday. Scotland and South Africa made the turn at six under par, with the United States, who began the day with a three-shot lead, and Zimbabwe one stroke behind with nine holes to play in the second round of the two-man team event. Australia were a further stroke back.

Colin Montgomerie, leading money-winner on the European PGA Tour this year, carried Scotland to a share of the lead when he went out in four under par. Montgomerie, who recorded a three-over-par 75 in the opening round, birdied three of the first four holes and added another at the 6th. Sam Torrance helped Montgomerie with two birdies, offset by a bogey at the third. Ernie Els went out in two under par for South Africa as his partner, Retief Goosen, matched par.

Fred Couples struggled with his putter as he and Davis Love III allowed the United States' lead to slip away. Couples, who returned 66 on Thursday, made three bogeys and only one birdie while Love balanced a birdie with a bogey.

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LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES: 136: L-J Westwood (Eng), 67, 69. 137: S Botomley (Eng), 69, 68, M Scarpa (It), 67, 70; R Alvarez (Arg), 68, 71; M Wills (Wales), 70, 67; B Nelson (US), 67, 70; A Collison (Eng), 64, 73. 139: M Poxon (Eng), 68, 71. C M Stromberg (Swe), 66, 73, M Bessancaney (Fr), 69, 70; N Henning (SA), 70, 69; M Krantz (Swe), 70, 69. 140: S Hamli (N Ire), 69, 71; P Linhart (US), 68, 72, R McFarlane (Eng), 68, 72; C Sunesson (Eng), 70, 70; M Tunnicliff (Eng), 71, 69; A Cruse (SA), 68, 72. 141: J Taylor (Aus), 68, 73; J Hall (Eng), 68, 73; R Russell (Scot), 73, 68; T Price (Aus), 71, 70; M Nichols (Eng), 71, 70; I Garvey (Sp), 69, 72; B Fouchee (SA), 68, 73.

Norman ready to reel in Japanese catch

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN TOKYO

GREG Norman's idea of a little rest and relaxation is testing himself and his line against the 1,000lb fish that frequent the waters off the coast of Queensland. This week, however, he is back at work, testing himself and his clubs against the might of the Japanese Tour in the Sumitomo Visa Masters at the Taiheiyo club, near Gotemba, south of Tokyo.

Yesterday, in the second round, the Open champion had his muscles thoroughly back into golfing mode and his round of 67, five under par, left him on 137, seven under, two shots behind Jumbo Ozaki, the defending champion, and Yoshinori Mizumaki.

Ian Baker-Finch, Open champion in 1991, returned to form with a 66, the best score of the day, and is alongside Norman, while Barry Lane, of Britain, is handily placed on 138.

Norman dropped a shot at the 1st hole, where he drove right into trees. The setback concentrated his mind wonderfully and he did not drop another shot, making do with pars and six birdies instead, coming home in 32, four under par. He claimed his score was the worst it could have been and sounded ominously confident.

So, too, did Ozaki, perhaps not quite in the 1,000lb bracket, but a heavyweight nonetheless. He claimed to be playing what he called easy golf, operating at about 70 per cent of full power and missing a lot of putts. He was, his translator said, saving the big stuff for the weekend.

Baker-Finch, by nature a less ebullient soul than both his charismatic compatriot and the crowd-pleasing Ozaki, was just delighted to play well. He has done relatively little since winning so spectacularly at Royal Birkdale and finished 114th on the US Tour money-list this year, having bolted for home after the Canadian Open in early September.

Recharged, he played last week in the Daiwa tournament here in Japan and since he is sponsored by Daiwa, he acceded to the company's request that he try its new graphite shaft in his irons.

Baker-Finch said: "We call them old men's clubs in Australia because they're much more forgiving and there's less stress on the joints, but I'm getting used to the feel and hitting the ball farther."

Sandy Lyle, while hitting the ball well at times, is in morose mood and swore audibly when he found so much trouble in a bunker at the 3rd that he took a double-bogey seven. He finished with birdies at the 16th and 17th and an eagle three at the last, to make the cut comfortably, but it did not make him happy.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (Japanese unless stated): 135: Y Mizumaki, 67, 68; M Ozaki, 66, 69. 137: G Norman (Aus), 70, 67; I Baker-Finch (Aus), 71, 66. 138: I C Chen (Taiwan), 68, 70; T Nakajima, 70, 68; B Lane (GB), 68, 70. 139: D Frost (SA), 68, 71. 140: K Hasegawa, 72, 68; T Hamilton (US), 70, 70; W Andrade (US), 70, 70; J Sturman (US), 71, 69; B Franklin (Can), 70, 70; K Takahashi, 72, 68. 141: K Suzuki, 72, 69; C Parry (Aus), 71, 70, K Murota, 72, 69; T Watanabe, 73, 68; M Kuramoto, 72, 69; I Aoki, 71, 70; S Higashi, 72, 69. 142: B Watts (US), 72, 70; K Arai, 71, 71; E Itai, 71, 71; L Mize (US), 72, 70; N Ozaki, 70, 72; S Ebihara, 69, 73. Other scores: 143: P Senior (Aus), 71, 72. 144: G Marsh (Aus), 72, 71. 145: A Lyle (GB), 73, 72.

Leeds face another test

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WITH the passing seasons at Headingley, rugby league championship races are given up earlier and cup runs barely get out of the blocks. Leeds now have a reputation as enigmas, although, as one disgruntled loyalist has it, "Some say we're lucky to have that."

After yet another sorry start — Leeds are four places off the bottom of the first division, with only one win in seven games — patience is snapping and will be tested further if the side fails at Salford in the televised second round Regal Trophy tie today.

The manager, Doug Laughton, sits uneasily at the head of a side fast failing because of injury and seeming indifference. "Logic still tells me that to win the games you need the best players," Laughton wrote in his last match day column. The side was promptly hammered 35-6 by New Zealand.

A local radio phone-in was jammed by outraged supporters after a pitiful lack of commitment shown by the Leeds collection of supposed leading lights.

Fifteen months since Laughton brought together his "golden triangle" in midfield, Andy Gregory is poised to leave — the club agreed transfer terms yesterday with Wakefield Trinity — Garry Schofield has another six weeks to ponder his poor club form after sustaining rib cartilage damage, and Ellery Hanley's shoulder injury may last longer than first thought.

Where is Laughton's logic now? A clash of egos has cost him dearly, and, with his three-year contract due to expire at the end of the season, he has had to blood young players before their time. The big spending money has all but dried up.

On paper, Leeds have the beating of Salford, but paper tigers are what Leeds are in danger of becoming: the need for teeth to be bared is imperative. Although three places worse off, Salford's spirited teamwork has proved too much for Leeds once already, and the outcome is likely to be close.

Further spice should be provided by the first senior appearance of Richard Webster, the former Swansea and Wales rugby union flanker, who is one of Salford's substitutes.

Martin Offiah and Shaun Edwards have been dropped by the Wigan coach, John Dorahy, for breaches of club discipline, for the Regal Trophy tie away to Whitehaven, of the second division, tomorrow — Offiah for apparently missing a team gathering and Edwards training, although Edwards, who has been ill, later claimed that it was a misunderstanding.

However, Whitehaven, a mid-table side, will probably struggle to prevent the holders making a runaway start to their defence. Huddersfield, the second division leaders, are more capable of a surprise at Leigh, but Keighley, who have 13 players down with flu, feel their chances of upsetting Halifax have been diminished by the Rugby Football League's refusal to postpone the tie.



Offiah: dropped

Taylor leads bitter tussle

BY PHIL YATES

DENNIS Taylor, snooker's best-known humorist, wore a stern expression but produced his most effective form of the season to establish a 6-2 first-session lead over Alex Higgins in their first-round match at the Royal Liver United Kingdom championship in Preston yesterday.

Taylor, the target of a much-publicised volley of abuse from Higgins at the 1990 World Team Cup which culminated in a threat to have Taylor shot, was left requiring three of the remaining nine frames to defeat his bitterest rival and record his first victory in six attempts during the 1993-4 campaign.

Inevitably, after a frosty handshake which spoke volumes about their mutual dislike, the early exchanges were predominantly staccato. Taylor, the 1985 world champion, was nothing more than steady, but that was enough to earn him a 3-1 lead.

Higgins, who has not figured in the last 32 of a ranking tournament since the Dubai Classic of October 1991, found stringing a succession of pots together extremely difficult as his upper body moved violently on virtually every shot of consequence.

Anyone watching him for the first time would have found it hard to believe that in 1972 and 1982 he captured the world title. For those in the auditorium who once marvelled at his ability, it was a sad sight.

Whether Taylor drew confidence from the woeful play of his opponent or was inspired by the swell of support for Higgins in the large crowd, he began to flow freely in the next two frames.

Breaks of 87 and 85 helped him move 5-1 ahead and, although Higgins won the seventh frame, Taylor countered with an opening run of 44 in the eighth. After Higgins missed a simple black off its spot from short range, with three reds invitingly placed, there was no way back.

Ronnie O'Sullivan, who, unlike Taylor and Higgins, has his most productive years ahead, maintained the form which carried him to victory in the Benson and Hedges championship on Wednesday.

With O'Sullivan having only 36 hours in which to come down from that emotional high, many expected him to struggle against Alan McManus, the consistent Scot. However, O'Sullivan, a 17-year-old former world junior champion, simply picked up the thread of excellence to establish a 5-3 lead.

O'Sullivan, who compiled a record-equalling ten century breaks during the Benson and Hedges championship, again scored heavily with breaks of 42, 66, 86, 44 and 89.

Neal Foulds, the world No 14, who stands 27th in the provisional rankings, looked to be facing almost certain elimination. He trailed 7-1 against Dave Harold, of Stoke, the Asian Open champion.



Taylor: steady

RESULTS: First round: D Morgan (Wales) leads D Clarke (Eng), 5-3; M Hallett (Eng) leads T Shaw (Eng), 5-3; R O'Sullivan (Eng) leads A McManus (Scot), 5-3; D Taylor (N Ire) leads A Higgins (N Ire), 6-2; J Sheal (N Ire) level with A Hicks (Eng), 4-4; D Harold (Eng) leads N Foulds (Eng), 7-1; K Doherty (Rep of Ire) leads N Terry (Eng), 5-3

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Football-style management draws closer in cricket


Arnold: left Surrey



Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, warns that the days of job security for county coaches is over

Football managers have learnt to live with the need to win. The job depends on meeting the demand for annual success and if the trophies go elsewhere, so too must the manager. Now, it seems, the same rules apply in county cricket.

The addition of Geoff Arnold to the ranks of the unemployed will have shaken county coaches and managers. Arnold was not only in what seemed a secure post, as chief coach at Surrey, he was sufficiently respected to be the England bowling coach. But on Thursday, he resigned before the club could dismiss him.

Back in September, David Hughes left Old Trafford in the same way. Another high-profile club failing to match up to the expectations of its membership, another management figure paying the price, another sharp message to the complacents who cling to the fond belief that cricket is a game above a business.

Lancashire dressed up Hughes's exit with diversionary words about demarcation problems and a change of leadership emphasis. Surrey have done the same regarding Arnold. But both men have gone for one reason alone — their teams did not win anything and the committee, feeling the members' resentment, would not tolerate it.

Hughes's dismissal was signposted in the preceding weeks, for Lancashire is a club of passion, where little can be done quietly. It was different for Arnold. There was no great prelude to the decision, no public debates. Surrey, despite its history and stature as a club, cannot command such attention. Which, in one sense, is precisely why he had to go.

In the past 11 years, Surrey have failed to win any of the four major competitions and last season, they performed their now-regular trick of fading in the final month of the championship season like an unfit racehorse in the home straight. Few were surprised. Few now expect Surrey to be among the honours and some, inside the club, have tired of this dismissive attitude. Arnold's departure may not be the end of the changes.

Last month, the cricket committee, chaired by the county's former wicketkeeper, Arnold Long, filed a report to the management board, which effectively runs the club, proposing a cricket strategy for the coming years. It was considered by the management, and then rejected.

Since then, Long's committee has reconvened to discuss this unusual situation and was expected to report back to the next management meeting on November 24. Arnold pre-empted what had apparently become inevitable by resigning his post, but it could be that the position held by Long, and even the county captaincy, remain up for review.

Alec Stewart has been Surrey captain for only two seasons, hardly long enough to be fairly judged, but his lengthy absences with an England team in which his role has constantly been unclear have been an undoubted distraction.

There is no obvious contender to replace Stewart on the staff and it is expected that he will continue but, as a supporter of Arnold's, it will be in a sombre and insecure atmosphere.

Arnold, 49, is to continue in his role with the Test team and is this month helping with preparation for the Caribbean tour. Even here, though, he may be looking over his shoulder, for England have recently added John Snow to the coaching staff and it is a moot point how long there will be a call for two fast-bowling experts.

Surrey, meanwhile, speak of advertising for a director of coaching in addition to a tracksuit coach who will work with both first and second teams. They will not be short of applicants, but those who are wise will know that this is not the job for life that once beckoned the old pros in the coaching field.

Cricket has not quite reached the stage of the fateful chairman's vote of confidence prefacing a management sacking, but it may not be long in coming.

Silver medal rewards Rake's progress

By Craig Lord

KAREN Rake excelled in the one race that did not suffer from a sub-standard entry yesterday to collect her first international medal for Britain, a silver, at the European sprint swimming championships in Gateshead.

Rake, a schoolgirl from Steeple Claydon, a village in Buckinghamshire, was justified in finding the opposition daunting. Only Sylvia Gerasch, the former East German, who was world champion in 1986 and is the only European long-course champion at the Felling pool, could keep her from the ultimate prize yesterday.

If the quality of the line-ups, though not the closeness of races, suffered from the absence of those sacrificing Gateshead for the bigger prizes to be won at the world short-course championships next month, the 50 metres breaststroke did not.

Alongside Gerasch and Rake were Louise Karlsson, the champion, from Sweden, and Peggy Hartung, of Germany, who was runner-up last year and champion the year before when she beat Gerasch. Rake's response to such class in the semi-finals had been to panic a little, shorten her stroke towards the end of the race but hold on to secure direct entry to the final behind Gerasch, Hartung and Karlsson, with Hanna Jaltner, of Sweden, and Dagmar Ajnenkiel, from Poland, as fastest losers.

In the final, less than an hour later, Rake, not even deemed worthy for the England senior squad before last night, proved herself a fast learner, "blocking out" from thought the impressive pedigree on either side of her and seeing only 25 metres of still water ahead.

Not a fingernail could separate Rake from the rest at the turn and the gap expected to open up between her and Gerasch in the next lane did not as the British junior matched the German international stroke for long stroke. Gerasch's quality shone through at the end, her final two strokes perfectly timed to bring her the title in 31.57sec to Rake and Hartung's dead-heat in 31.89sec.

Rake praised Mick Wakeley, her coach at the Maxwell club, and spoke of a season of plenty ahead after two years of great promise but little reward. She did not "really care" whether selectors now choose her for the England senior squad after two seasons of near-misses but she is planning to go for a British short-course 100 metres record at the national championships next month. She later collected a second silver, in the medley relay, with Alex Bennet, Maxine Lock and Susan Rolph.

Aggressive Cairns gives early edge to New Zealand

From Peter Roebuck in Perth

NEW Zealand ended the opening day of the first Test match here yesterday on terms closer to parity with Australia than they could reasonably have expected. With more luck, they might even have dismissed Australia. As it was, they bowled accurately and fielded well, especially Jones in the gully, and were thwarted only by the diligent batting of Australia, who had reached 229 for six by the close.

At first New Zealand appeared likely to squander their opportunity after they had won the toss and chosen to bowl under sultry skies on a slow, greenish pitch after rain had delayed the proceedings for 80 minutes. Cairns was the chief offender, regularly pitching short, but in his sixth over he forced the reckless Slater to lob to short leg a ball that cut into his ribs.

Inspired, Cairns immediately produced a flyer that startled Boon and struck the shoulder of his bat to give Rutherford at slip the easiest of chances, removing one of Australia's biggest hopes and reducing them to 37 for two in the space of two deliveries.

Taylor, meanwhile, had settled after a shaky start that saw him get off the mark with an edge that missed the stumps by a whisker. With the fall of wickets at the other end, however, he became becalmed and frustrated, mistiming his pulls and drives. Mark Waugh, though, hastened the scoring by punishing New Zealand's medium-pace bowlers once the pacemen had been rested.

For a time Australia prospered and Crowe, the New Zealand captain, recalled Morrison, who responded by producing his best spell to have Waugh leg-before from an off-cutter that skittled through. Tea was taken at 115 for three and soon afterwards Border drove violently at a delivery from Morrison and edged to second slip where Rutherford took a stinging catch. No longer is Border's bat as straight as it was, and against pace it sometimes shows.

Taylor, however, was still at the crease and he found in Steve Waugh, whose place is under threat, a partner willing to graft both for his team and his future. The New Zealand bowling was accurate, especially from Watson, whose second spell embraced 11 overs from which eight runs were taken.

Taylor's dogged innings of 64 in 240 minutes eventually ended when he cut a ball from the brisk Cairns on to his stumps.

Australia were never quite in trouble and never quite in charge, but 34 runs later they lost Waugh as he drove loosely at Patel and was caught on the off side by Blain for 44 to become the first wicket a spinner has taken in a Test match in Perth since 1988.

Australia advanced with unexpected ease until the light became unplayable with five overs remaining and Healy unbeaten on 30, bringing to a premature end a day notable for the dour struggle between bat and ball. Cairns finished with figures of three for 56 and Bobby Simpson, Australia's coach, suggested 250 would be a reasonable first-innings score in the unseasonal conditions at the WACA ground. New Zealand may not find runs easy to score, either.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M A Taylor b Cairns	64
M J Slater c Patel b Cairns	10
D C Boon c Rutherford b Cairns	0
M E Waugh lbw b Morrison	36
*A R Border c Rutherford b Morrison	16
S R Waugh c Blain b Patel	44
†I A Healy not out	30
P R Reiffel not out	16
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 3)	13
Total (6 wkts)	229

C J McDermott, S K Warne and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-37, 3-100, 4-129, 5-154, 6-198.

BOWLING: Morrison 22.4-3-71-2 (nb 1); Cairns 20-4-56-3 (nb 1); Watson 17-9-27-0; Su'a 14-2-43-0 (nb 1); Patel 6-0-22-1.

NEW ZEALAND: B A Pocock, A H Jones, M J Greatbatch, *M D Crowe, K R Rutherford, D N Patel, C L Cairns, †T E Blain, M L Su'a, D K Morrison, W Watson.

Umpires: D B Hair, A J McQuillan, T A Prue.


MARK BAKER

Slater, the Australian opener, is forced onto the defensive during the first Test match in Perth yesterday

Ratnayake called up

RUMESH Ratnayake, the Sri Lanka fast bowler, is to fly to India today to replace the injured batsman, Asanka Gurusinha, in a five-nation cricket tournament. Sri Lanka board officials in Colombo said yesterday. Gurusinha flew home yesterday after failing to recover from a groin injury.

Ratnayake, 29, who has been out of international cricket since an operation on his bowling arm 18 months ago, was in training with the Sri Lanka B pool. He has played for Sri Lanka in 66 one-day international matches and has taken 72 wickets at an average of 36.50.

Tour selectors asked for Ratnayake in an effort to strengthen the team's bowling, which has been poor in the recent tournament in Sharjah and the present tournament in India. Sri Lanka have lost their last four matches.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

* denotes pools matches

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

Bristol City v Millwall
* Charlton v Notts County
Nottingham Forest v Peterborough
* Oxford Utd v Derby
* Portsmouth v Watford
* Southend v Luton
Tranmere v Sunderland
* Wolverhampton v Barnsley

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	14	9	2	3	23	11	29
Charlton	16	8	5	3	23	13	29
Tranmere	16	8	4	4	23	17	28
C Palace	14	8	3	3	28	16	27
Derby	15	8	2	5	26	24	26
Portsmouth	16	6	7	3	26	23	25
Southend	15	7	3	5	27	20	24
Stoke	15	7	3	5	24	23	24
Bristol City	16	7	3	6	20	18	24
Middlesbrough	16	6	5	5	25	19	23
Millwall	16	6	5	5	19	22	23
Wimbledon	16	5	7	4	26	18	22
Notts Forest	16	5	5	6	23	23	20
Grimsby	16	4	8	4	21	18	20
Birmingham	16	5	5	6	19	23	20
Watford	15	5	3	7	22	29	18
Notts County	15	5	3	7	19	24	17
Luton	16	5	2	9	16	32	17
Sunderland	15	5	2	8	15	21	17
West Brom	15	4	4	7	24	27	16
Bolton	15	4	4	7	21	24	16
Peterborough	15	3	6	6	15	21	15
Barnsley	16	4	2	10	20	32	14
Oxford Utd	15	3	4	8	18	29	13

FA Cup
First round

Barnet v Carshalton
* Bournemouth v Brighton

Second division
* Bradford v Chester
* Burnley v York
* Cambridge Utd v Reading
* Chesterfield v Rochdale
Colchester v Sutton Utd
* Crewe v Darlington
Enfield v Cardiff (2.0)
Farnborough v Exeter
Gretna v Bolton (at Bolton)
* Kidderminster v Kettering
Knowsley v Carlisle
Leyton Orient v Gravesend/Northfleet
Macclesfield v Hartlepool
* Mansfield v Preston
Marlow v Plymouth (all ticket, 2.0)
Metropolitan Police v Crawley
Molesey v Bath
Northampton v Bromsgrove
* Port Vale v Blackpool
* Rotherham v Stockport
Runcorn v Hull
* Scarborough v Bury
* Shrewsbury v Doncaster
* Slough v Torquay
Stalybridge v Marine
Swansea v Nuneaton
Telford v Huddersfield
VS Rugby v Brentford
Witton v Lincoln
Woking v Weston-super-Mare
* Wrexham v Walsall
Yeading v Gillingham (at Hayes)

GM Vauxhall Conference
* Altrincham v Northwich

Northern Premier League
Premier division

* Barrow v Gainsborough
* Bishop Auckland v Horwich
* Bridlington Town v Droylsden
* Colwyn Bay v Buxton
* Fleetwood v Hyde
* Matlock v Emley
* Morecambe v Frickley
* Whitley Bay v Boston

Beazer Homes League
Premier division

* Burton v Stamford
* Chelmsford v Gresley Rovers
* Hastings v Hatfield
* Solihull v Corby Town
* Waterlooville v Moor Green

Diadora League
Premier division

* Basingstoke v Kingstonian
* Chesham v Bromley
* Dulwich v Aylesbury
* Grays v Hitchin
* Hendon v Wokingham
* Stevenage Borough v Wivenhoe

Scottish League
Premier division

* Aberdeen v Motherwell
* Dundee United v Hibernian
* Hearts v Dundee
* Kilmarnock v Celtic
* Rangers v Raith
* St Johnstone v Partick

First division

* Ayr v Airdrie
* Dumbarton v Dunfermline
* Falkirk v Brechin
* Hamilton v Morton
* St Mirren v Clydebank
* Stirling v Clyde

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard v Newmarket; Diss v Histon; Fakenham v Sudbury; Haverhill v Great Yarmouth; Lowestoft v Marchi; Norwich United v Chatteris; Stowmarket v Soham; Watton v Felixstowe; Wisbech v Wroxham.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield v North Ferriby; Brigg v Armthorpe Welfare; Glasshoughton Welfare v Belper; Hucknall v Eccleshill; Maltby MW v Lincoln United; Ossett Albion v Sheffield; Pickering v Pontefract Colliery; Stocksbridge PS v Ossett Town; Thackley v Liversedge.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Bamber Bridge v Guiseley; Great Harwood v Alfreton; Goole v Lancaster City; Warrington v Harrogate. First division cup: Caernarfon v Spennymoor; Congleton v Radcliffe; Farsley v Mossley; Netherfield v Curzon Ashton; Workington v Eastwood.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United v Fulham; Charlton v Tottenham; Ipswich v Watford; Millwall v Arsenal; Norwich v QPR; Portsmouth v Gillingham; Southend v Leyton Orient; West Ham v Chelsea. Second division: Bournemouth v Oxford United; Brentford v Bristol City; Bristol Rovers v Wimbledon, Luton v Colchester; Southampton v Brighton; Swindon v Reading; Tottenham v Crystal Palace.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare v Coleraine, Ballymena v Cliftonville; Bangor v Newry; Carrick v Portadown; Crusaders v Omagh Town; Glenavon v Linfield; Glentoran v Ards, Larne v Distillery.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor v Afan Lido; Briton Ferry v Llansantffraid; Connah's Quay v Cwmbran; Conwy v Haverfordwest; Ebbw Vale v Flint Town Utd; Holywell v Llanelli; Inter Cardiff v Caersws; Maesteg Park v Porthmadog; Mold v Ton Pentre; Newtown v Aberystwyth.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Everton (2.0); Manchester Utd v Sheffield Utd (2.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Southampton v Tottenham (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

International match

Ireland v Romania
(at Lansdowne Road, 2.45)

Tour match

Scotland A v New Zealand XV
(at Old Anniesland, Glasgow, 2.0)

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Bath v Newcastle Gosforth
Bristol v Gloucester
Leicester v Harlequins
Northampton v Orrell

Second division

Moseley v Sale
Nottingham v West Hartlepool
Otley v Saracens (2.15)
Rugby v Waterloo
Wakefield v London Scottish (2.30)

Third division

Bedford v Redruth
Exeter v Havant
Morley v Coventry
Richmond v Blackheath (2.30)
Rosslyn Park v Fylde (2.30)

Fourth division

Askeans v Plymouth (2.30)
Clifton v Broughton Park
Liverpool St Helens v Harrogate (2.30)
Sheffield v Leeds (2.30)
Sudbury v Aspatria

Fifth division north

Hereford v Rotherham
Kendal v Durham
Nuneaton v Birmingham/Solihull (2.30)
Stoke-on-Trent v Lichfield (2.30)
Stourbridge v Preston Grasshoppers
Winnington Park v Walsall (2.30)

Fifth division south

Basingstoke v Lydney (2.30)
Camborne v High Wycombe
North Walsham v London Welsh
Reading v Maidstone
Tabard v Southend
Weston-super-Mare v Berry Hill

Helneken Welsh League
First division

Aberavon v Swansea (2.30)
Cardiff v Newport (2.30)
Cross Keys v Neath (2.30)
Dunvant v Pontypool (2.30)
Llanelli v Pontypridd (2.30)
Newbridge v Bridgend (2.30)

Second division

Llanharan v Abertillery (2.30)
Maesteg v Glamorgan Wanderers (2.30)
Narberth v Llandovery (2.30)
Penarth v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Sth Wales Police v Mountain Ash (2.30)
Treorchy v Tenby United (2.30)

Club matches

Bradford and Bingley v Mansfield (2.30)
Glasgow Academicals v Ayr (2.30)
London Irish v Wasps
Stewart's Melville FP v Kirkcaldy (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy
Second round

Salford v Leeds (3.0)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE (2.30): Premier division: Askam v Wigan St Patrick's; Egremont v West Hull; Hemel Hempstead v Saddleworth, Dudley Hill v Blackpool.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville v St Albans (Birmingham University, 12.30); Bromley v Old Loughtonians (Priory LC, Orpington 1.15); Cannock v Walton (Morris Ground 1.0); Firebrands v Canterbury (Longwood, Bristol, 2.0); Havant v East Grinstead (Havant College, 2.30); Hounslow v Stourport (Chiswick Boathouse, 2.0); Reading v Trojans (Sonning Lane, 2.0); Southgate v Slough (Broomfield School, 2.0); Teddington v Indian Gymkhana (Teddington School 1.15). Second division: Barford Tigers v Doncaster (Holyhead LC, Birmingham, 1.15); Beeston v Gloucester City (Highfields, Nottingham, 1.30); Brooklands v Harborne (The Pavilions, Sale, 1.45), Cambridge City v Oxford University (Hinchingbrooke School, Huntingdon, 2.30); Cheltenham v Richmond (Bournside School, 1.15); Neston v Isca (Neston RC, 2.0); Sheffield v Guildford (Abbeydale Park, 12.30); Surbiton v Edgbaston (Surgden Road, 2.0); Warrington v Harleston Magpies (Broomfields Road, 2.0).

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bluehearts v Welwyn Garden City; Bury St Edmunds v Stevenage; Colchester v Cambridge University; Dereham v Old Southendian; Ipswich v Chelmsford, Luton v Bishop's Stortford; Norwich City v Pelicans; Peterborough Town v Bedford; Redbridge and Ilford v Westcliff.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Alderley Edge v Durham University; Formby v Norton; Hightown-Northern v Blackburn; Southport v Ben Rhydding, York v Timperley.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Finchfield; Berwick v Coventry and North Warwickshire; Hampton-in-Arden v Leicester Westleigh; Kheisa v Olton and West Warwickshire; Lichfield v Worcester Norton.

NASTRO AZZURRO SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Chichester v Old Kingstonians, City of Portsmouth v Winchester; Hampstead and Westminster v Spencer; Hereford v Maidenhead, High Wycombe v Gore Court; Lyons v Oxford Hawks; Mid Sussex v Staines; Old Wolcountians v Dulwich; Wimbledon v Fareham; Tulse Hill v Anchorians.

SUNLIFE WEST LEAGUE: Bream v Plymouth; Hereford v Whitchurch; Swansea v Bath; Westbury Banks v Taunton, Weston-super-Mare v Exeter University.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester v Chelmsford; Ealing v Slough; FP Sutton Coldfield v Clifton; Ipswich v Highdown. First division: Doncaster v Exmouth, Pinkwick v Blueharts; Trojans v Bradford Swithenbank; Wimbledon v Bracknell. Second division: Harleston Magpies v Colwall; Olton v Sunderland Bedans; Sherwood v Canterbury; Woking v Great Harwood

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby v London (8.0); Oldham v Worthing (8.0); Sunderland v Doncaster (7.30). League Trophy: Thames Valley v Guildford Kings (8.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Bury v Plymouth; Coventry v Stockton; Crystal Palace v Sedgefield. Second division: Chiltern v Swindon; Guildford Storm v Lewisham; Leicester v Liverpool; London Elephants v Stevenage; Mid Sussex v Northampton. Women: Second division: Sunderland v Leicester.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Cardiff v Nottingham; Durham v Murrayfield.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's: First division: Wessex v Whitefield Spartans; Polonia Ealing v KLEA Leeds; Reebok Liverpool City v Newcastle (Staffs); Tooting Aquila v Team Mizuno Mabey Lewisham. Women: Second division: Sheffield Wednesday v Polonia; Trent Farm v Portsmouth College; Team Knights v Reebok Liverpool City; Spark Jet Stationery v Manchester United Salford; Dynamo London II v Timeout Gloucester City; London Lynx v Birmingham.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston).

SWIMMING: European sprint championship (Gateshead).

TABLE TENNIS: County championship: Senior premier weekend (South Kesteven centre, Grantham).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

Stoke v Leicester (3.00)

FA Cup
First round

Accrington v Scunthorpe (at Burnley)
Bristol Rovers v Wycombe (all ticket)
Cambridge C v Hereford (all ticket, 2.30)
Halifax v West Brom (all ticket, 4.0)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v St Patrick's Athletic (3.30); Cork City v Galway Utd (2.30); Derry City v Monaghan Utd (3.30); Limerick v Cobh Ramblers (2.30); Shamrock Rovers v Shelbourne (2.30).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Lee Phillips Cup: Warminster v Calne

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Scottish Districts XV v Auckland
(at Mansfield Park, 2.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy
Second round

Barrow v Bradford (2.30)
Batley v Sheffield (3.15)
Carlisle v Wakefield (2.0)
Halifax v Keighley (1.30)
Highfield v Oldham (3.0)
Hull KR v Castleford (3.15)
Leigh v Huddersfield (3.0)
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BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester v London (8.0); Manchester v Hemel (5.30).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Brixton v Sheffield; Sedgefield v Solent. Women: Second division: Cardiff v Guildford; Harlesden v Spelthorne.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Aquila v Toucans; New Cambell v BICC, Harborne v Hertford; Linden v Tongham. Second division: Hirondelles v OPA; Hornsey v Vauxhall; Henley v Crawley; YWCA v Academy. Third division: Essex v Hucclecote; Wirral v Wokingham, Chevrons v Weston Park; Kelmscott v Oakleaze.

VOLLEYBALL

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OTHER SPORT

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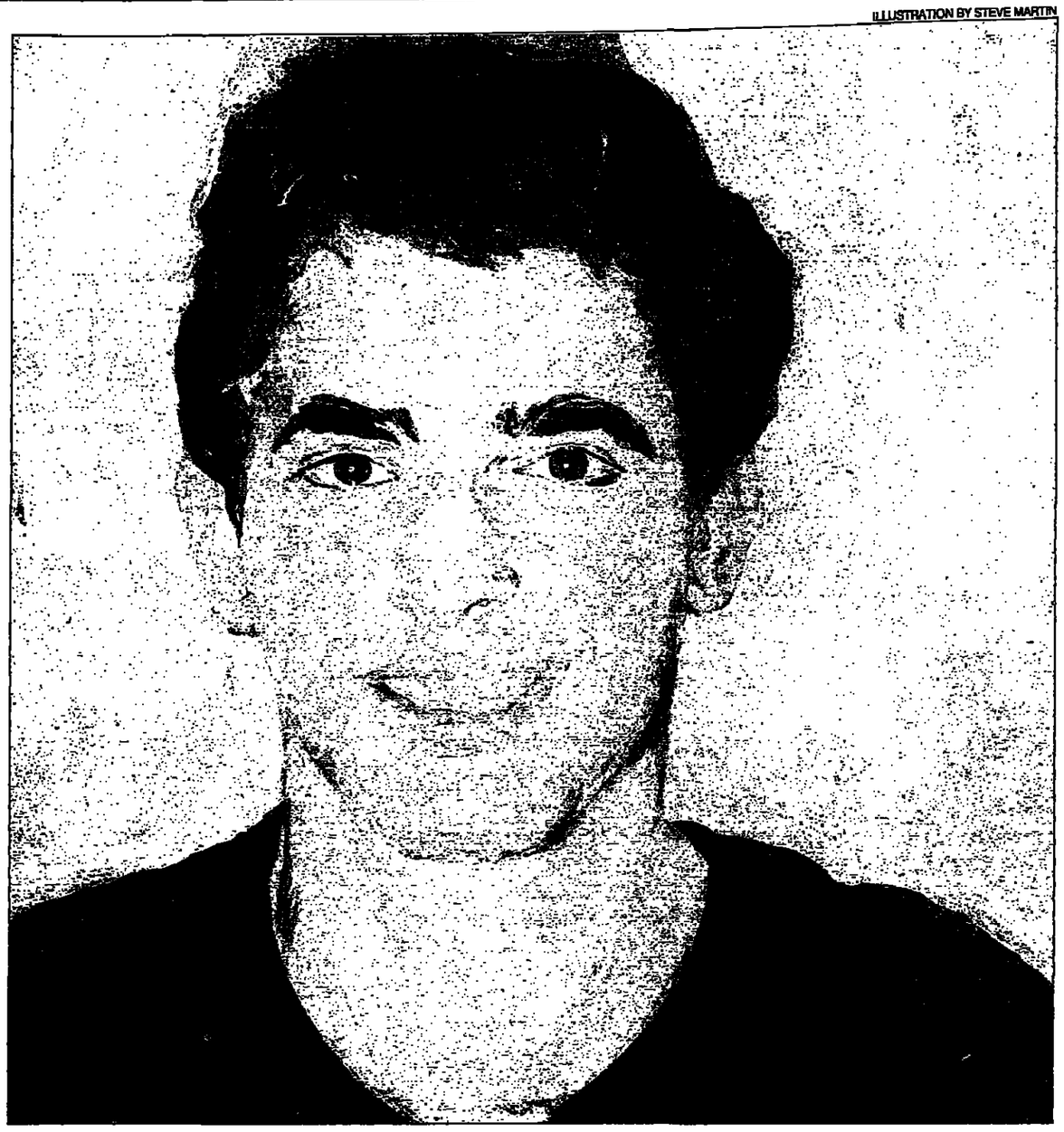
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Saturday portrait: Pete Sampras, by Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent

Tennis artist quietly painting image to confound the critics

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Two thousand spectators were asked at Wimbledon last year to nominate the most exciting tennis player in the world. Andre Agassi won the poll and, less predictably, the men's singles title. Martina Navratilova, in sixth place, was the leading woman. Jeremy Bates, elevated by patriotic votes, was tenth with Jim Courier.

There was no mention of Pete Sampras. Even when he in turn became the Wimbledon champion, as had been predicted by Fred Perry three years before, he was unjustly described as boring. Yet he is, according to the rankings and all respected analysts, indisputably the best player in the world.

Naturally introverted and seemingly aloof, he brings to the court the temperament of Bjorn Borg and the talent of John McEnroe. If he can consistently match the indefatigability of Jimmy Connors, a quality which he has developed this year, he could ultimately be regarded as better than them all.

He was destined for greatness long before becoming the youngest holder of the United States Open title in 1990 at the age of 19 years and 28 days. Three years earlier Greg Patton, a junior coach with the United States Tennis Association (USTA), believed one of his pupils was blessed with ethereal gifts.

"When they were passing out talent," he said, "they not only dumped it on Pete Sampras, they not only sanded down Pete Sampras and put a layer of paint on him, they put 12 different coats of high-premium paint all over this kid. He is a piece of art."

By then the precocious youngster had been accustomed to lavish praise from a more devoted source. Pete Fischer, a doctor in Los Angeles, coached him from the age of eight to 16 and frequently told him that he was going to be the best player in the history of the game.

The pair set two goals. One was to win Wimbledon (Fischer collected $100 on a bet laid five years earlier that Sampras would do so by 1993) and the other was to surpass the records set by Rod Laver. In other words, collect more than 11 grand slam titles.

Sampras started on the secondary mission before he was fully ready. "Two hot weeks," as he puts it, carried him to the US championship when he was still a teenager, but rather than propelling forward a professional career which was only two years old, the achievement set him back.

In lamenting his status as the defending champion and in expressing relief when his reign ended, he alienated himself from the American public. The child prodigy was perceived to be evolving into a discourteous rebel who was continuing to defy convention as he had done in his youth.

Against advice, he had competed with elders, changed from a double-fisted backhand and dropped out of high school. But, in the process of maturing, Sampras was impatient rather than recalcitrant and, fuelled by claims that he tends to be a hypochondriac, his resilience is often underestimated.

> 'He has the talent of McEnroe, the temperament of Borg. If he can match Connors' indefatigability, he can be the best of all'

Not by Fischer. He recalls that the 13-year-old Sampras, at the end of the longest match recorded at the USTA national boys' championship at Kalamazoo, was found to have suffered a stress fracture of the right wrist. He insisted on playing with the injury the following day. His opponent, complaining of physical exhaustion, did not.

Sampras plays with such elegance and effortlessness that he has been accused of being casual. The appearance is deceptive. "People don't realise how competitive he is," Brad Stine says. He coaches Courier, whose exertion is contrastingly overt. He hits the ball as though he never wants to see it again.

Through timing, Sampras generates as much power. His serve, delivered in classical style, has earned him the sobriquet Pistol Pete. Courier, once a close friend but now partially estranged because of their rivalry at the top of the world rankings, dubbed him The Sweet One.

Agassi was less generous. He likened Sampras to an ape swinging out of the trees, a thoughtless comment uttered doubtless for the sake of publicity this summer and later retracted in a telex message. The two, fellow members of the United States Davis Cup team, could scarcely be more apart in character. Whereas the Las Vegan is an unashamed exhibitionist, Sampras is so introspective and private that even his sister, Stella, professes that she does not know what he is thinking. His own self-analysis is devoid of complexity. "Simple guy," he says, "simple life".

It has been shared for the last three years by Delaina Mulcahy, a law student with looks as exotic as her name. They live together in Tampa, Florida, and their enduring relationship mocks sceptics who initially mistrusted her intentions. They met immediately after he won the US Open.

Seven years the elder of a pair known as Sampras and Delilah, she accompanies him on foreign trips, the length of which are not always appealing. After being knocked out as soon as he entered the tournament at Queen's Club this year, he confessed to homesickness.

His parents, both of whose family trees were planted in Greece, rarely travel from California to see him play abroad or at home. They are too nervous even to watch him on television. News of his victory at Wimbledon, appropriately on Independence Day, had to be relayed to them by their daughter.

Mulcahy is not at ease at the side of the court either. For a couple of minutes short of three hours, as she watched Sampras suppressing Courier during the final, she anxiously squeezed a tennis ball as though using it to strengthen her grip.

Sampras's other constant companion is his coach, Tim Gullikson. The identical twin brother of Tom, the American Davis Cup team captain, he has taught the 22-year-old Sampras the value of the percentage game and simplified his tactical approach. Off court, his assistance as a spokesman is no less useful.

Gullikson is not averse to verbosity. He remembers once completing a lengthy response and, signalling that he was ready to listen to the next question, glancing at the interviewer. He was asleep. While his coach talks, Sampras can afford to remain in the state which he prefers. That is, silent.

While all of his challengers were justifiably complaining about the schedule at US Open in September he said no more than was necessary about his victories on his way to regaining the title. To equal Laver, the supreme all-court player with whom he is often compared, he must win eight more grand slam tournaments.

The next opportunity will be presented in January in Melbourne, where he is sure again to be the top seed and favourite to claim the Australian Open title. In the meantime he is in the middle of a five-week tour of Europe. He opened it by winning in Lyon for the third successive year.

Defeat in Paris this week denied him match practice for the Association of Tennis Professionals world championship which starts in Frankfurt on Monday. The other seven competitors will be left to provide any extraneous entertainment. In his office, as Sampras calls a tennis court, he is there only to do his job.

England players return to action

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE 12 England hockey players who went to an indoor tournament Germany last weekend are back in action with their clubs for a strenuous outdoor workout in the Pizza Express national league today and the third round of the Hockey Association Cup tomorrow.

Hounslow and Southgate, the first division leaders, having lost two points each in drawn matches the issue has been left wide open. Hounslow, league champions and cup holders, are at home today to Stourport and tomorrow will make the long journey to Neston, where Robert Crutchley, who was in Germany last week, will face his brothers, Sam and Andy, in the cup. Imran Sherwani is not available for Stourport, who have called up Guy Eldin, the New Zealander, as a replacement.

Southgate, who missed Shaw and Soma Singh last week, expect a tight league match today against Slough and are not under-rating Canterbury in tomorrow's cup match. Gisborne, Welch and Woods will be Southgate's frontrunners on both days.

Havant, who have recovered Nail and Williams from their indoor commitment, probably have the toughest match today against East Grinstead for whom Luckes, the goalkeeper, has returned from indoor duty. Whereas Havant have a comparatively easy cup match tomorrow against Hereford, the pressure will still be on East Grinstead with the prospect of a home cup match against Slough.

Renwick Irvine, 17, from Kingston Grammar School, joins Teddington's two other reinforcements, Laslett and McGuire, for the league match against Indian Gymkhana and the cup game against Guildford tomorrow. Guildford are a well organised side and there is always danger when Jennings is around.

Surbiton, leaders of the second division, can expect strong opposition from Edgbaston at home today.

Dalton's lead threatened by powerful challenge

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

THE Whitbread Round the World Race fleet sets sail today on the second and longest stage across the Southern Ocean to Fremantle, Australia. Judging by the results of the first leg from Southampton, when only two and a half hours divided Grant Dalton's maxi ketch, New Zealand Endeavour, from Tokio, the first of the smaller 60-footers skippered by Chris Dickson, his fellow New Zealander, a thrilling chase is promised.

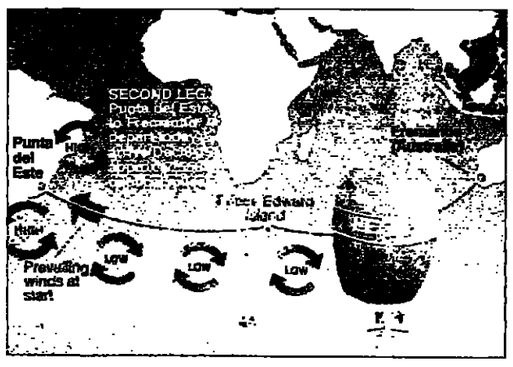
Whitbread 60 skippers such as Dickson and Lawrie Smith, in command of the European entry, Intrum Justitia, are in no doubt that the new purpose-designed 60-foot flyers will outpace the heavier maxis. "My crew expect to take 50 miles a day out of the ketches once we are in the Roaring Forties," Smith said. "If Dalton tries to outrun us, then he will probably lose his mizzen mast — and with it the race."

For the first two or three days head winds of 15 to 20 knots are forecast, which should favour the 60-footers. "We shall see," Dalton countered. "I'm not so sure these smaller boats will be as fast as they believe."

The first three days of the 7,500-mile stage from Punta del Este will be crucial. Two high-pressure systems straddling South America could present a tactical nightmare. Another problem for the crews is the fact that the succession of low-pressure systems that give the Roaring Forties and Furious Fifty latitudes their name are circulating much further south than usual. This means that crews will have to sail deeper into the Southern Ocean and closer to the ice to get the benefit of the westerly following winds.

Another obstacle is Prince Edward Island, midway between Punta del Este and Fremantle, and now a controversial addition to the course. This desolate outcrop was put into the route after crews sailed too close into the ice fields last time round.

Andrew Cape, the navigator on Tokio, thinks it is a blessing. "We won't be taking too many chances with the ice and it will converge the fleet, making it a more interesting race," he said. Dalton and Smith, seasoned campaigners both, disagreed. "There is no need to go down into the ice, but I'm of the school that believes it is not necessary for organisers to hold the hands of competitors in this way," Dalton said.



"It has certainly taken something out of the race, but at least it will be a warmer leg," Smith said. Other skippers announced last-minute changes yesterday. The Irishman, Brendan Darrar, has stepped aboard Matt Humphries's British entry, Dolphin & Youth Challenge, to replace David Munday, from New Zealand, who twisted his knee two days ago.

Julian Clegg, the only Englishman aboard the Ukrainian yacht, Hetman Sahaidachny, has also stepped down to act as shore manager, while Conrad Humphries, is to try his luck aboard the other penniless Ukrainian entry, Odessa, along with Brian Wallis, from New Zealand. The first yachts are expected to reach Fremantle around December 8.

FIRST STAGE POSITIONS (Southampton to Punta del Este): Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 24 days: 07 hours: 19 minutes; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Swtz), 24.15.41; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 25:18:03; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 26:04:43. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 24:10:26; 2, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 24:20:30; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 24:21:30; 4, Winston (D Conner, US), 24:23:48; 5, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eur), 25:02:40; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 25:03:35; 7, Brookfield (G Maisto, It), 26:03:35; 8, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US), 27:19:23; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr), 28:08:32; 10, Odessa Moscow Times (A Verbs, Ukr), 40:22:31.

☐ *Results issued by BT*

Intrum must trim wind out of maxi rivals' sails



Lawrie Smith relishes the prospect of rejoining the fray in the Whitbread Round the World Race

One week is a long time in yacht racing. Last Friday I was at home in Lymington, planning a family holiday in Scotland. Now I am in Uruguay in a race against time getting to know a new boat and crew before the start today of the second and harshest stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

When the call came to skipper Intrum Justitia, the European Whitbread 60 entry, Richard Butcher, a lawyer friend and former Fireball world champion, burnt the midnight oil drawing up a contract. I then climbed upon the first available flight to Uruguay, arriving in Punta del Este on Monday.

The change of skipper was as much a surprise to the crew as it was to me. All had expected Roger Nilson, who has led this project from the outset, to return from Sweden, but surgery on a badly infected knee has sidelined him for the rest of the race.

I have sailed with only three of this multinational crew before: Magnus Olsson, from Sweden, a veteran of two Whitbread campaigns, Rick Tomlinson, the cameraman who joined us on Rothmans during the Sydney-Hobart race two years ago, and Paul Standbridge, another Rothmans crewman who was also one of my watch leaders on Fortuna. It was the withdrawal of the ill-fated Spanish maxi I was skippering only a week into the first leg that had left me at home kicking my heels.

I inherited an experienced team, eight of whom have raced in the Whitbread before, and had the week to decide who to promote as my watch leaders. That left the team in some uncertainty, but changes had to be made if we are to stand any chance of pulling up from fifth place within the fleet and regain the 15-hour deficit lost on the first leg to Chris Dickson's leading 60-footer, Tokio. I decided yesterday to promote Magnus Olsson to join Gunnar Krantz as my watch leaders.

Tuesday was my first sail on one of these 60-footers, and I was impressed. Intrum is as fast as our main rivals and I am going to enjoy taking on the maxis boat for boat. Unlike a maxi, Intrum reacts quickly to changes in trim. The crew talk of speeds of up to 25 knots clocked during the first leg, and we have to learn how to sustain those bursts for longer.

Marcel van Triest, our navigator, who has a crucial role to play in keeping us in the right place to make the most of the low-pressure systems swirling around the Roaring Forty and Furious Fifty latitudes, has a bet that the 60s will take 50 miles a day out of the maxis once we are in the Southern Ocean. I am relishing the thought of helping him win it.

Judging from their performances on the first leg, the leading 60s are equal in speed, the differences boiling down to tactics. I have inherited a well prepared boat so we should not be troubled too much with breaking gear. So it is up to us to make the most of the breaks that fall our way to pull back this 15-hour deficit.

I will be happy just to reduce the gap by an hour or two on this 7,500-mile leg to Fremantle. The remaining 20,000 miles back to Southampton should give us the opportunity to make up the rest.

☐ *Lawrie Smith, 37, won an Olympic yachting bronze medal last year. He has twice been an America's Cup skipper and this is his third Whitbread race. He is writing exclusively for The Times on the race.*

Prenn pursues potent mix of business and pleasure

BY SALLY JONES

TODAY at Queen's Club, Neil Smith and Shannon Hazell, the leading rackets professionals in the world, take on James Male, the world singles champion, and John Prenn, his friend and mentor, in the deciding leg of the Lacoste world doubles championship.

In the first leg in New York last Saturday, Smith and Hazell, the holders, took a 4-3 lead. Although they start narrow favourites today, Male's extraordinary will-to-win and powers of recovery mean that few would gamble extravagant sums on an amateur defeat.

Smith gained first-hand experience of Male's fighting spirit last season. After winning 4-2 in the first leg of his world singles challenge to Male's title, and taking the opening game of the decider, he needed just two more games for outright victory. But Male then raised his game and swept through the next four in spectacular fashion to retain his crown.

The more severe Queen's Club court and unique prize-fight atmosphere generated by a raucous British crowd may also favour the amateurs, but Prenn's performance under pressure will almost certainly hold the key. At 40, he is the veteran of the quartet and 11 years Male's senior. As a natural foil to his partner's brilliance, he will be the target for the professionals' heaviest fire but, on his form last week, he is capable of dealing with it, making up in experience and innate ball-skill what he now lacks in speed.

Prenn has twice won the world championship, first beating Willie Surtees in 1981 then regaining it from Willie Boone five years later. He opted not to defend it in 1988 because of pressure of work. Despite an urbane, impeccably English manner, he is the son of a Russian Jewish immigrant, Daniel Prenn, who was educated in Germany and played Davis Cup tennis there before fleeing to England during the growth of Nazism in the early Thirties.

John, also an outstanding tennis player, was introduced to rackets at Harrow by Roger Crosby and developed an effortlessly powerful, elegant style, his natural talent rivalling the exquisite skills of the late Randall Crawley. At 21, he went into his father's clothing business, working all hours but still managing to play regularly at Queen's. His rivalry with Boone dominated the sport in the Eighties.

Prenn still works flat out, running two leading clothing interests, but admits business has been tough at the luxury end of the market during the recession. "We sell to Harrods and Selfridges, but it's been hard," he said. "It takes a lot of work to keep the business profitable. With quality clothing, cheap counterfeit copies are always a problem as well as people choosing more downmarket sportswear because they're feeling the pinch.

"When it's your own business, you think about it all the time, but the rackets provides a wonderful release from the pressures and helps to keep me sane. I play at least four times a week, often with James and Peter Brake, the up-and-coming professional, so I'm feeling pretty fit. That's vital because Shannon is incredibly quick around the court and Neil's in majestic form at the moment.

"Why do I keep going? Well, it's definitely the greatest game in the world and the fastest, with the little white ball screaming around the place at speeds of up to 140mph. The exhilaration when you really middle a shot is like nothing else in the world. Everything is so finely balanced for the decider and there will be an amazing atmosphere in the gallery. Playing with a whirlwind like James is incredibly exciting and, knowing his commitment to winning, I'd rather be playing with him than against him."



Prenn: innate ball-skill

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Push-and-run remains neglected art form



David Miller mourns the passing of Arthur Rowe whose command of tactics inspired a generation

An over-simplified tag was given to the brand of football that was conceived by Arthur Rowe, who died a week ago aged 85. What many failed to recognise, in the classic style with which he became identified, was that the technique of push-and-run, as it was known, was no less significant and innovative than its fundamental tactical premise.

At a moment when English football has seldom been lower, memories of Rowe have a special poignancy for those of us who believe he was the foremost philosopher of the game that England has had. Gratitude therefore goes to Ossie Ardiles for leading the present Tottenham team back towards the days of Rowe.

Twenty-five years before the Dutch were said to have invented Total Football, Rowe was defining the strategy that when the opposition has the ball, everyone in your team is a defender: when you have possession, everyone is an attacker.

Additionally, and astoundingly for the era in which it was introduced, was the principle that the game is made as much by those without the ball as by the player with it: in other words, running off the ball, which Rowe discovered when going to Hungary as coach at the end of a Tottenham career as an immaculate centre half.

It was this movement off the ball, subsequently to become the hallmark of West Ham and then Liverpool's finest teams — indeed, the fundamental of any effective side — that was to destroy England in the famous first home defeat by Hungary in 1953, as much as the blinding technical skills of Puskas, Hidegkuti and the rest. Before Ron Greenwood and others, Rowe had sensed that Hungary, not England, were the masters.

"Arthur used to say that, just as you kick off with all your team in one half of the field, so that should always be the maximum distance between your players at any moment, wherever the ball is," Vic Buckingham recalls.

Now living in retirement at Bognor Regis, Buckingham, from being one of the most constructive players at Tottenham, became a distinguished coach and disciple of Rowe: first with the brilliant mid-Fifties West Bromwich Albion side that included Ronnie Allen and Bobby Robson, then with Ajax, where Cruyff was a 16-year-old in the first team.

"The essence of push-and-run," Buckingham said, "is that, tactically, it develops spontaneously. You don't know what's going to happen moment to moment, because you are passing first time to colleagues moving all around you. In order to retain possession, you pass the ball in any direction, occasionally backwards." As Malcolm Allison, another creative thinker, used to say to the young Bobby Moore, "you have to know at every moment what you would do with the ball if you had it."

Contrary to the view of some supreme individualists, such as Matthews and Carter, that you cannot coach the best natural players, Rowe believed that the policy of push-and-run, pass-and-receive, created a framework to assist the best players.

It was my lasting good fortune to be in the Pegasus team coached by Rowe during his recuperation after his resignation through illness at Tottenham. Not only was he one of the most patient and gentlemanly of men you could meet, but he taught me — together with Bill Nicholson, his pupil and then successor at Tottenham who coached the Cambridge University side — most of the vital aspects of the game.

"Effective play has to be repetitive," Rowe used to say to me as an errant winger. "If you deliberately decide to change your part in the pattern just because another player is not performing well, you merely add another break in the chain, another uncertainty."



Rowe: inspiring thinker

The earlier influence of Rowe and Buckingham on the Pegasus side that beat Bishop Auckland to win the Amateur Cup in 1951 in front of 100,000 at Wembley, was extreme. Players such as Tanner and Pawson, who played first division football with Huddersfield and Charlton respectively, and Saunders, adhered to push-and-run as far as they were able.

It was strange that Professor Sir Harold Thompson — "Tommy", who founded Pegasus in 1947 — failed to turn for advice to Rowe when replacing Ramsay as England manager in 1974. Despite his intellect, Thompson must carry some of the blame for failing to restructure the FA and utilise administratively the intelligence of professionals such as Rowe and Nicholson.

In Nicholson's opinion, Ron Burgess, captain and left half of the team that won the League championship in 1951, was the most complete player Tottenham have had, superior to Blanchflower and Mackay, yet he points out that Rowe's system converted Burgess from being a dribbling wing half into a quick passer.

"Make it simple, make it quick" was the telegram Rowe sent to the Wembley dressing-room before the first Pegagus Amateur Cup final victory. Never far from his tranquil wife, Pom, Rowe was an inspiration for a generation. Today, sadly, the game has all but turned its back on his philosophy.

Stirring words from rugby's new watchdog



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

CRICKET writing has a long tradition of hostility. Players, management, committees, rules and the very structure of the game have long been considered legitimate targets for attacks both temperate and intemperate. *Wisden*, for example, has always been as much Cassandra as cheer-leader. Sycophancy and clubbability has never been the dominant tradition here.

This is not exactly the case with rugby union. The devastating period of change through which the game is passing has been mirrored by a confusion about the ways the game should be written up. Old-style chummy clubbability rubs shoulders with tabloid Turnip Journalism; some see balanced views as a form of overt hostility. Many believe that, as rugby union takes a new and more dominant place among the world's games, that mere anarchy has been loosed upon the Earth.

Which brings me to the publication of a new rugby almanac, one with clear ambitions to establish itself as the *Wisden* of the game. This is *The International Rugby Almanac*, and in seeking balance, it risks the acquisition of a troublemaker's brand. From one essay on the eternal amateur v professional debate: "Those who espoused the amateur idyll made one fatal error — they prevaricated when abuse of the rules was clearly under way in their own back yard ... too late, the calamitous extent of the problem is at last being recognised. Free cars, sometimes for both the player and his wife, lucrative jobs with plenty of time off, free holiday trips and such like have replaced the grubby fiver in the boot. Bribery and the bursting of amateur rules within rugby union have moved on apace, leaving the law officers panting far behind." Is the end of hypocrisy in sight, then?

Record breaker

Greetings to one of the great sporting heroes not just of this week, but possibly of all time. Arise, Anna M Bauscher, of Reading, Pennsylvania: aged 91. She has just broken a world swimming record. Again. She won the 800 metres for the 90-94 age group in 28min 41.45sec. On the way, she also beat records for 50, 100, 200 and 400 metres. Afterwards, she did not bother to collect her medal: "I do this for survival, not for the glory," she said.

She has lost track of how many world records she has set and swims to help ease stiff joints. "I don't go to the doctor for arthritis, and I don't make a fuss about it, but thank God for the water," she said. She started swimming at the age of 60.

Child's play

The question of discipline and on-pitch rebellion is now afflicting the sport of netball. Few boot-money problems here: but the Berkshire Premier League has added an important innovation to their playing conditions. If any child wanders, or worse cycles, onto court the ref can approach the mother *and send her off*. Last season, the netballing athletes of Berkshire were plagued with pitch invasions. One game was stopped several times because the same child constantly reappeared on court, wishing to talk to his/her mother, somehow failing to grasp the gravity of the occasion. When the same law is applied to football, I shall know that society has truly changed. But children's pitch invasions are, of course, commonplace in cricket, at least at Tewin



Irregulars level. Many a returning batsman has been met halfway by his children with the warming words: "Hello Daddy, why are you coming back so soon?"

All in a game?

All footballing nations have their problems, but few have problems like Bangladesh. The Asian Football Confederation is seeking ways to end the inevitable deaths that attend football matches between the Bangladesh league's biggest rivals, Mohammedan FC and Arbani. "This has been going on for decades," Peter Valpaan, general secretary of the confederation, said. "There is fighting and stabbing between fans, and it goes outside the ground into the streets. Each time there are 60, 80, 90 people killed." A security council has been constituted, with representatives from Oman, United Arab Emirates, Thailand and Japan, to advise on ways of "educating the fans". "We have to stop all this," Valpaan said. "It is bringing disrepute to the image of the game." One way of putting it, I suppose.

Sporting prose

Finally, a spot more sporting poetry, this time from Richard Armour, lines that contain one of sport's eternal verities.

Good sportsmanship we hail, we sing.
It's always pleasant when you spot it.
There's only one unhappy thing:
You have to lose to prove you've got it.

Real cheats must never be allowed to prosper

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

BY THEIR clemency towards Eric Cantona, Uefa, the governing body of European football, gave birth to the hope that authority is capable of understanding a crime of passion. By acting as Fifa, the world governing body, did earlier in the week in trying to eradicate play-acting on the field, it is to be hoped that authority is not courting danger, even death.

The connection between the two is cheating. That was the word Fifa's general secretary, Sepp Blatter, used for the way players have feigned injury over the last two decades. It was also the trigger to Cantona's rage, the reason if not the excuse for his dilettante outburst, because he felt the referee allowed Turkish players to get away with faking injury to waste time.

At stake is the body politic versus the bodies of athletes. Fifa will instruct World Cup referees to bar medical attention on the field except for cuts or serious injury. The problem there is that it leaves the referee to decide not only intent, but immediate medical emergency. Manchester United followers, those who have grown to adore the class which Cantona has brought from France, will surely remember four years ago their captain and idol Bryan Robson comatose on the field, and the physio, Jim McGregor, not even waiting for referee approval before dashing out to give the player the kiss of life.

Robson was one of a spate of players who swallowed their tongues in English football that season. If the Fifa referees rule by the new book, heaven help anyone seriously hurt, maimed or even dying because the arbiter has attempted, in a fraction of the time and with none of the machinery available to medical practitioners, to decide whether a player is genuinely injured or play-acting.

Cantona, is indupitably not a play-actor. His sense of outrage in Istanbul, and in previous brushes with authority, happened because he has an over-romanticised vision of the game, he cannot abide what he believes to be injustice.

This is not intended as a whitewash of Cantona. Sport has a duty to keep its act as clean for the throngs of children who adore and emulate them.

What concerns me has been the way the French authorities flew into fits of outrage when Cantona put a word wrong, yet brought no comparable wrath on a tackler from Brest whose horrendous foul tore Cantona's knee ligaments. Every nation, Britain included, has its maiming villains and hotheads who foul the air with their language. Surely football must help the balance against dirty play.

Yet last Sunday, when Cantona transcended the Manchester derby, scoring twice and lifting his team from a two-goal deficit, the match concluded with Keith Curle, of Manchester City, hammering into the heels of the Frenchman. He could have made a big scene of it. Instead, while the perpetrator received the inadequate punishment of a yellow card, Cantona shrugged it off. No play-acting, no tantrum, no attempt to get a fellow professional sent off.

This same performer was accused of "highly inappropriate conduct" by his insinuation that the Swiss referee, Kurt Rothlisberger, was one of those referees in Europe who can be bought. Absolutely justifiably Rothlisberger defended both his reputation as a referee and as a man. He has, after all, aspirations to officiate at the next World Cup final, and he teaches French to Swiss schoolboys.

Moreover, Rothlisberger is human. He loves the game at least as much as Cantona does, and he is a referee willing to innovate to try to improve his control. Last year, Rothlisberger was the official used by FIFA in an experiment in a Swiss youth tournament in which he was wired to a one-way radio link from his linesmen. Rothlisberger could not speak to them, but they could warn him of what players were doing behind his back. He considered it such a success that, without permission, he used the experiment again in a Swiss league match between Lugano and Sion.

Dabblers, both, Rothlisberger and Cantona. Small wonder that their pride and passion confronted one another in the heat of Istanbul. But Uefa, with rare coolness, rightly confined their four-match ban on Cantona to Manchester United's European club matches. That way they avoided threatening France's World Cup qualifying chances, and France has suffered enough from the ramifications of the Marseille corruption.

It is the corruption on the field, the cheating as Blatter correctly calls faking injury, that is hardest to take. The players, who for years have systematically feigned injury, especially Germans and Latins who could be Oscar-winners at it, are indeed cheats. They cheat the game, the opposition, ultimately themselves. And since their unions have failed to curb the abuse, then authority has to be seen to be doing something, especially with a World Cup about to reach a new audience in America and with a widening one in Japan.

The only fear is the onus on referees. The faster the game, the less time an arbiter has to define what he sees. And though Fifa and Uefa are moving towards full-time, younger referees with A1 eyesight, they inevitably will have less experience on the pitch.

Players are to blame for this situation. The cheats have brought it on themselves. But nature is not always fair, even to them. Most sports players are aware of a sudden pang of pain which is inexplicable the next moment. Equally they know that adrenalin can mask serious injury. Thus by adding to that uncertainty, by confusing nature with the attempt to hoodwink officialdom, they have created a situation which is dangerous to their profession. They are fools, just as in a private moment Eric Cantona might admit his foolishness in confronting a zealous, and committed Swiss referee in Istanbul.

ROSS KINNAIRD



Cantona's crime of passion in reacting to players faking injury brought justifiable clemency from Uefa

David Kohler, the Luton Town managing director, said yesterday he was willing to talk to a consortium which wants to make a takeover of the struggling first division club. John Mitchell, the former Fulham and Millwall player who is fronting the bid, is to meet Kohler tomorrow. Kohler owns 52 per cent of the club and is willing to sell his shareholding if the price is fair and it is in the best interests of the club.

Buzaglo on glory trail again

By Walter Gammie and Keith Pike

IT WAS three seasons ago that Tim Buzaglo's magnificent hat-trick secured non-league Woking's 4-2 third-round win over West Bromwich Albion and established him and his team as part of FA Cup folklore. It was, simply, "the greatest day of my life," he says.

Now enjoying the relatively quiet waters of Marlow, Buzaglo will this afternoon attempt to recapture past glories when the Diadora League premier division side take on Plymouth Argyle before 3,000 at Oak Tree Road. Yet the intervening years are not ones Buzaglo will remember fondly.

After beating Albion in such style, Woking earned further plaudits when they went down to the only goal of the game against Everton at Goodison Park. But, in Woking's next match, Buzaglo sustained a serious knee ligament injury and was plunged into a prolonged spell of depression.

Out of action for 18 months, Buzaglo came back to a Woking side that was newly promoted to the GM Vauxhall Conference and struggled to come to terms both with his reduced fitness and the pace of non-League football's top flight.

Now 32, he is enjoying himself again. "This Marlow team are nowhere near as good as Woking were at their peak, but we can score goals," he said. Peter Shilton, the Plymouth manager, has been warned.



Roberts: Enfield manager

One West Bromwich Albion player on the receiving end of Buzaglo's exploits in 1991 was Graham Roberts, twice an FA Cup winner with Tottenham Hotspur in the early Eighties.

Now 34 and the player-manager of Enfield, he will be hoping to mastermind the defeat of Cardiff City and trusting that the lunatic fringe among the Welsh club's followers do not spoil the occasion, as they did when the clubs last met at Southbury Road five seasons ago.

Alan Ball, who claims never to have been on the receiving end of a cup upset by non-League opposition as player or manager, takes his Exeter City side to Farnborough Town, whose long-serving manager, Ted Pearce, stepped down at the end of last season as the club slid from the Conference to the Beazer Homes League.

Memories of the two third-round matches against West Ham United at Upton Park two years ago remain strong at Cherrywood Road, where Pearce's former assistant, Alan Taylor, has led them to a solid start to the season. Among the survivors from the West Ham matches is Dean Coney, the former Queens Park Rangers and Norwich City forward, who is now conducting operations from midfield.

Macclesfield Town, managed by Sammy McIlroy, have been firing goals with rare abandon in the Conference and, led by Carl Alford, will set their sights on the Hartlepool defence today.

Bromsgrove Rovers, well drilled by Bobby Hope, the former Scotland international, will seek to prey upon the frailties of Northampton Town, while Telford United, under their new player-manager, George Foster, have tightened their defence to great effect, as Huddersfield Town may find at Bucks Head.

☐ Peppard, who beat Oxford City in an FA Vase first-round tie, have been thrown out of the competition because their pitch failed to conform to the FA's minimum width of 70 yards.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Guildford 76, Manchester 87.

LEAGUE TROPHY: First round: Derby 72, Leicester 78.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 120, Orlando 87; Miami 116, Milwaukee 103; Indiana 108, New Jersey 105; Houston 107, Minnesota 89; Seattle 115, Cleveland 102; Los Angeles Clippers 111, Detroit 89.

BOWLS

KOWLOON: Hong Kong Classic pairs: Section one: Seventh round: Craigengower Cricket Club (N Tso, J Wong) 22, Israel (C Bransky, J Rabkin) 16; New Zealand (M Kernaghan, P Skoglund) 23, Australian Ladies (D Shaw, E Bonutto) 18; England (T Allcock, J Bell) 24, Hong Kong Ladies LBA (S Yau, N Hill) 12; China Light and Power, Hong Kong (J Chiu, P Chan) 19, Kowloon Cricket Club (J Melbourne, K Wallis) 18; Hong Kong (N Kennedy, M McMahon) 26, Wales (R Weale, W Thomas) 16. Eighth round: Hong Kong 29, England 26; Israel 28, China Light and Power 12; Wales 22, Craigengower CC 13; Kowloon CC 19, Australia Ladies 18; New Zealand 26, Hong Kong Ladies LBA 14.

Section two: Seventh round: Hong Kong LBA (M Stewart, D Ho) 21, Canada (D Brown, B Boettger) 15; British Isles Ladies (M Johnston, N Shaw) 21, South Africa (A van Winkle, K Campbell) 15; Scotland (A Marshall, G Robertson) 30, Filipino Club, Hong Kong (R Au, M Hui) 8, Kowloon Bowls Club (A Carstairs, D Karamadris) 15, Hong Kong Football Club (M Galland, R Lakoon) 13; Australia (I Taylor, C Curtis) 20, Hong Kong Ladies (L Yeung, L Smith) 14. Eighth round: Scotland 28, Hong Kong Ladies 14; Kowloon BC 21, Canada 16; Australia 16, Hong Kong LBA 16; South Africa 27, Hong Kong FC 15; British Isles Ladies 25, Filipino Club 18.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart (second day of four): Western Australia 473-5 dec (J Langer 135, D Martyn 100, T Moody 65, M Veletta 65); Tasmania 37-0.

CYCLING

BORDEAUX: Six-day race (after two days): 1, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr) and P Bincoletto (It), 103pts; 2, E de Wilde (Bel) and J Veggerby (Den), 102 3, U Freuler (Switz) and P Pieters (Holl), 95; 4, one lap behind, C Capelle (Fr) and C Wolf (Ger), 91; 5, A Baffi (It) and G Lombardi (It), 86.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Thursday

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest 3, Bolton 3; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Coventry 2.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Valencia 0, Real Madrid 3.

GOLF

ORLANDO, Florida: World Cup: First round: 137: United States (F Couples 68, D Love 71). 140: France (J Van de Velde 68, M Farry 74); South Africa (E Els 69, R Goosen 71). 141: Zimbabwe (N Price 70, M McNulty 71). 142: Wales (I Woosnam 74, M Mouland 68), Australia (R Allenby 72, R Davis 70). 143: Ireland (R Rafferty 71, P McGinley 72); Scotland (C Montgomerie 75, S Torrance 68); Germany (B Langer 69, S Struver 74). Sweden (J Haeggman 72, A Forsbrand 71). 144: Japan (H Shigenobu 70, K Tomori 74); Argentina (E Romero 71, L Carbonetti 73). 145: England (D Gilford 69, M James 76); Spain (J Rivero 73, M-A Jimenez 72); Italy (C Rocca 71, S Gruppioni 74). 146: Mexico (E Serna 78, R Cerzubon 68). 147: New Zealand (F Nobilo 74, G Turner 73); Paraguay (P Martinez 73, F Ojeda 74); Hong Kong (Yau Sui Ming 73, R Kan 74), Republic of Korea (Nam Sin Park 74, Kang-Sun Lee 73). 150: Canada (D Barr 74, R Zokol 76), Chile (R Mackenzie 71, G Encina 79). 151: Greece (V Karazizis 74, G Nikolaidis 77); Brazil (A Barcellos 76, J Cortaiz 75). 152: Holland (C van Waesberghe 78, C van de Velde 74). 154: Bermuda (K Swan 76, D Peerman 78). 156: Taipei (Liang-Hsi Chen 80, Yu-Shu Hsieh 76). 163: Puerto Rico (R Castrillo 85, J Rodriguez 78). 169: Fiji (D Prakash 80, V Kallou 89). 174: Israel (J Avnaim 94, R Assyag 80); Jamaica (S Rose 86, C Bernard 88). Withdrawn: Denmark.

RABAT, Morocco: Hassan Trophy Pro-am: Second round (US unless stated): 139: P Stewart, 69, 70. 141: W Westner (SA), 69 72; R Eastwood, 71, 70. 142: D Pruitt, 70, 72; R May, 71, 71. 143: S Luna (Sp), 71, 72. 144: V Fernandez (Arg), 73, 71; B Clear, 71, 73, M Pinero (Sp), 71, 73; C Mason (GB), 75, 69.

HOCKEY

HIROSHIMA, Japan: Asia Cup: Women: Semi-finals: China 3, India 0, South Korea 2, Japan 2 (South Korea won 5-4 on penalty strokes).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 5, Edmonton 1; Florida 5, Ottawa 4; New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 3; Washington 4, Tampa Bay 1; Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 1; Dallas 4, San Jose 0; St Louis 3, Toronto 2; Calgary 5, Anaheim 4.

SQUASH

DOHA: Qatar International championship: *First round:* Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Hill (Aus), 15-10, 15-11, 15-9; M Carlyon (Aus) bt J Crombie (Can), 15-11, 15-13, 15-8; R Eyles (Aus) bt J Nicolls (Eng), 13-15, 15-4, 15-5, 13-15, 15-10; T Hanos (Eng) bt A F Khan (=1K), 15-9, 15-8, 14-15, 15-14; P Marshall (Eng) bt D Ryan (Ire), 15-13, 15-7, 15-11.

SWIMMING

GATESHEAD: European sprint championships: Men: 50m backstroke: 1, P Hermanspann (Ger), 25.76; 2, T Weber (Ger), 25.78; 3, Z Hegmegi (Swe), 25.99. 50m butterfly: 1, C Sanchez (Sp), 24.04; 2, J Karlsson (Swe), 24.19; 3, V Pradkin (Russ), 24.32. 100m medley: 1, R Dekker (Hol), 55.77sec. 2, I Sei (Est), 56.07; 3, C Keller (Ger), 58.14. 4x50m freestyle: 1, Sweden, 1.28.80; 2, Germany, 1.28.88; 3, Croatia, 1.33.30. 4x50m breaststroke: 1, Germany, 1.55.53; 2, Britain, 1.58.24.

Women: 50m freestyle: 1, S Völker (Ger), 25.55; 2, L Gröisson (Swe), 25.56; 3, A Hadding (Ger), 25.79. 50m breaststroke: 1, S Garasch (Ger), 31.57, equal 2, K Rake (GB), P Hartung (Ger), 31.89. 4x100m medley: 1, Germany, 1:53.26; 2, Sweden, 1.53.74; 3, Britain, 1:57.13. 4x50m backstroke: 1, Germany, 2.01.15; 2, Britain, 2.02.45. 4x50m butterfly: 1, Germany, 1:53.06; 2, Britain, 1.55.62; 3, Finland, 1:57.17.

RUGBY UNION

BERMUDA: World Rugby Classic: England 10, Australia 10.

TENNIS

SWINDON: LTA women's satellite tournament: Singles: Semi-finals: S Parhomenko (Russ) bt F Boucard (Fr), 6-1, 7-5; E Bond (Glouc's) bt E Borrass (Sp), 6-3, 6-1. Doubles: semi-finals: N Egorova (Russ) and Parhomenko bt J Dubcova (Cz) and T Obciler (Ier), 6-1, 6-1; A Smith (Staffs) and C Staaben (Holl) bt C Billingham (Oxon) and V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs), 7-5, 6-1.

ANTWERP: European Community championships: Second round: B Becker (Ger) bt C Adams (US), 7-6, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt H Holm (Swe), 7-6, 6-1. Quarter-finals: B Becker (Ger) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-1, 7-6; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt Stich, 7-6, 7-5.

MOSCOW: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Rosset (Switz) bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 6-4, 6-2; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-4, 7-5, K Braasch (Ger) bt A Merinov (Russ), 6-2, 6-3; D Poliakov (Ukr) bt M Damm (Cz), 6-3, 7-6.

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: A Frazier bt M Pierce (Fr), 7-6, 6-4; K Po bt M Werdel, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt A Henrickssen, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; G Sabatini (Arg) bt L Davenport, 6-4, 6-2; Z Garrison Jackson bt L McNeil, 6-3, 6-1.

WEIGHTLIFTING

MELBOURNE: *World championships:* Men: 54kg: 1 I Ivanov (Bul) snatch 120.0, clean and jerk 157.5, total 277.5 kg (world record); 2 H Mutlu (Tur) 122.5, 152.5, 275.0; 3 Ko Kwang-Ku (S Kor) 120.0, 150.0, 270.0. Women: 46kg: 1 Nan-Mei Chu (Taiwan), 67.5, 85.0, 152.5 (world record); 2, Shiu-Fen Yu (Taiwan), 62.5, 85.0, 147.5; 3, S Saito (Japan), 65.0, 82.5, 147.5.

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Sun setting on golfers' long quest for prized tour card



Out of the shadows: Jamie Taylor, right, helps fellow Australian Paul Moloney align his swing as they make the most of the last few moments of daylight at the close of play on the second day of the European golf tour's qualifying school at Montpellier yesterday. Although he returned a disappointing round of 73, to add to his first-round 68, Taylor's total of 141 left him just five strokes off the lead held by Lee-John Westwood, of England, with four rounds remaining in one of the most gruelling qualification processes in sport. For many, however, the exercise — with a prized European Tour card as reward — proved too tough. Jimmy Heggarty, of Northern Ireland, recorded a 77. "If I could get a flight out of here now, I'd take it and go home," he said. "It would save the misery." Matt McGuire, playing in his first qualifying school, found the going equally hard and struggled to a round of 76 to be six over par and out of the running. "I still haven't had a disaster yet but I'm just not gaining anything," he said. "But I've got to start somewhere." McGuire's caddy only arrived halfway through his first round.
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Photograph: Ian Stewart

United ponder appeal over Cantona

By Keith Pike

MANCHESTER United will decide on Monday whether to appeal against the four-match suspension imposed yesterday on Eric Cantona. The ban is restricted to European club competitions, and it is unlikely that United will consider it an excessive punishment for Cantona's indiscretions during the European Cup tie against Galatasaray in Istanbul ten days ago.

The club is equally unlikely to contest the fine of SwFr5,000 (£2,250) levied by the disciplinary committee of Uefa for United's conduct during the match, although it had not anticipated any additional sanction. Galatasaray were fined SwFr15,000 for allowing fireworks to be set off at the ground, and a further SwFr5,000 for lapses in security after the match.

A statement issued at Uefa's headquarters in Zurich yesterday said the ban on Cantona was for his "particularly inappropriate conduct" towards the Swiss referee, Kurt Rothlisberger, who had sent him off at the end of the match for allegedly making a two-fingered gesture to him.

The committee had decided, however, that there was "insufficient evidence" to punish Cantona for the interview he had allegedly given subsequently to *l'Equipe*, the French sports newspaper, which quoted him as saying some referees in European matches had been bribed.

Uefa also said it would not be taking action over incidents which are reported to have taken place in the players' tunnel. The fine on United relates to the cautions received by Steve Bruce, Paul Parker and Paul Ince, as well as Cantona's sending-off and a booking in the first leg.

United are unlikely, though, to take kindly to a comment attributed to René Eberle, the secretary of the committee, who is reported to have said last night: "Before we would have kicked out Galatasaray, we would have kicked out Manchester United for the behaviour of their fans in the city before the match."

Jack Charlton's preparations for Ireland's decisive World Cup qualifying match against Northern Ireland in Belfast next Wednesday were further disrupted yesterday when three more players withdrew from his squad because of injury. The Ireland manager has now lost six of his original 21-man party.

Ronnie Whelan, the Liverpool midfield player, and Chris Morris, the Middlesbrough defender, were forced to pull out because of thigh strains, while Kevin Sheedy, the Blackpool midfield player, has injured a calf.

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has withdrawn from the Australia squad for the second leg of their World Cup play-off against Argentina in Buenos Aires next Wednesday because of a hip injury.

Tony Mowbray, the central defender who joined Celtic from Middlesbrough for almost £1 million two years ago, is likely to return to Ayresome Park for half that fee this weekend.

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Scotland aiming to restore lost pride

By Alan Lorimer

SCOTLAND'S rugby union selectors will sit down tonight to choose the team to play New Zealand in the international match at Murrayfield next Saturday against a backdrop of gloom, unless Scotland A can produce a wholly unexpected result against the All Blacks at Old Anniesland in Glasgow this afternoon.

There is little reason to suppose that they will, given the lack of preparation that is characteristic of the opposition who have faced New Zealand throughout their tour. The All Blacks management may suppose themselves to be meeting all the leading players in England and Scotland outside the internationals but that is a far cry from the organised sides touring teams encounter when they play New Zealand's provincial teams.

Where England A, with greater experience but only two training sessions together, failed last Sunday, can Scotland A, similarly under-prepared, do better? After the events of last Wednesday, when New Zealand's mid-week team wiped out the South of Scotland 84-5, Scottish rugby supporters will be bracing themselves against a heavy defeat.

The All Blacks should have little difficulty maintaining their 100 per cent record: it seems not so much a question of whether they will win but by what margin. It is a sobering thought that New Zealand field in Glasgow something close to their international line-up but though it may be stronger in the sense of power and weight than that which wrought such damage at Galashiels, it is doubtful if the skill level shown against South will be surpassed.

Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, is in the happy position of having two extremely competitive teams at his disposal — unlike the British Isles during the summer. "The peformance at Gala has put pressure on the Saturday team," Mains said. He will be watching the area at half back particularly closely.

Where English rugby, through sheer weight of numbers, is bound to produce players big enough to take on the All Blacks up front, the South pack, small even by Scottish standards, simply did not have a chance against the New Zealanders, even if the backs showed that, from first-phase possession, tries can be scored against them.

Scotland A, though, will offer more bulk in the forwards that should prevent the pack being shunted backwards on their own ball. Their forwards are reckoned to be marginally heavier than the New Zealand eight today: contrast this with Wednesday, when the South pack was conceding 2st per man. Moreover, there is the incentive for several of the A players of winning a senior cap in the Scotland side that will be announced tomorrow.

On trial are Alan Watt, whose 19st may take some of the steam out of the lighter Olo Brown; Danny Herrington, the North and Midlands tighthead prop; Shade Munro at lock and Rob Wainwright at open-side flanker.

Crucially, Scotland A go into the match with a considerably taller lineout than the South. Andy Macdonald, the 6ft 8in Heriot's FP lock, has the height to provide possession for the Scots, with Munro, Wainwright, Carl Hogg and Watt providing a useful back-up force. However, the key task for the Scotland A forwards will be to stop the New Zealanders walking their way to the try line via the rolling maul.

Behind the scrum, four of the backs who played for the South will get a second chance. Bryan Redpath, at scrum half, one of the few backs who tackled consistently, has the best chance yet to advance his career and may be selected for Scotland ahead of Andy Nicol.

The other two problem positions behind the scrum are inside centre and left wing. Ian Jardine has a chance to prove that his heavy tackling is what Scotland need against New Zealand at inside centre while, on the left wing, Mike Dods, normally a full back, and Ken Logan are the contenders.

Yesterday, Doug Wyllie, the Scotland A captain, said: "We want to restore some pride."

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GLASGOW TEAMS

SCOTLAND A: M Dods (Gala); K Logan (Stirling County), S Nichol (Selkirk), I Jardine (Stirling County), G Parker (Melrose), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP, captain), B Redpath (Melrose); A Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), K McKenzie (Stirling County), D Herrington (Dundee High School FP), D McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), R Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals), C Hogg (Melrose). Replacements: D Stark (Boroughmuir), A Donaldson (Currie), D Patterson (Edinburgh Academicals), P Walton (Northampton), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), J Hay (Hawick).

NEW ZEALANDERS: J Timu (Otago), J Wilson (Otago), F Bunce (North Harbour), M Cooper (Waikato), V Tuigamala (Auckland); M Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago); C Dowd (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O Brown (Auckland), J Joseph (Otago), S Gordon (Waikato), I Jones (North Auckland), P Henderson (Southland), A Pene (Otago). Replacements: L Stensness (Auckland), J Preston (Otago), L Barry (North Harbour), B Larsen (North Harbour), M Allen (Taranaki), N Hewitt (Hawke's Bay).

Referee: A Spreadbury (England).

New York attempts to divide and rule

From David Powell, athletics correspondent, New York

HOW the New York City Marathon must envy the London Marathon. Not for its size, or its sense of occasion, because it is at least London's equal in both, but for its roll of honour, six British winners of the London Marathon in the past ten years.

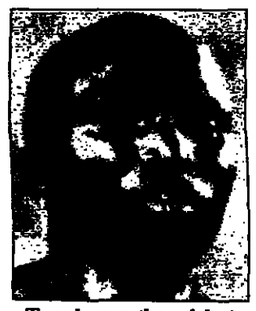
During that period the United States has failed to produce a home champion of New York, its most important marathon. The extent to which that irritates people here has been evidenced by its decision this year to have separate prize-money lists, one for United States athletes and one for the rest.

An American winner tomorrow would receive $140,000 (about £84,000) plus a $42,000 Mercedes car, more than three times Eamonn Martin's first-place winnings at London in April. A non-American victor would be awarded only the car and $20,000. Americans finishing from second to fifth would be paid double the money on offer to everyone else.

The incentives, which provide equal pay for women, were introduced, according to Fred Lebow, the race director, "to generate more interest and, hopefully, success among American marathoners." However, a United States winner of the men's race seems as unlikely as low taxes making a comeback in this levy capital of America.

Three of the past four New York men's champions have been African, typical of their domination of American road racing. It leaves the public cold: of 40 joggers interviewed in Central Park last week, none could name the New York champion. It is Willie Mtolo, a black African. Meanwhile Bill Rodgers, a white American and four-times winner in the Seventies, remains a popular personality.

Mounting opposition to the African presence is being met by moves to discourage them. While New York has responded by incentives for Americans to beat the Africans, other events have gone further. *Running Times*, a United States monthly magazine, reports that some race directors prohibit Kenyans and the Columbus Marathon has restricted its open prize-money to United States citizens. Such manipulation denigrates the sport.



Tanui: marathon debut

Those less preoccupied with United States success eagerly await the marathon debut here of Moses Tanui, the 1991 10,000 metres world champion, and the first serious attempt by Arturo Barrios, a former 10,000 metres world record-holder.

The curiosity is that Mark Plaatjes, the first success for United States marathon running for many a year with his victory in Stuttgart, is here but not running.

He has not been attracted by the American prize-money bias and the New York organisers seem not to care. In fact his presence here has succeeded in upsetting the New York Road Runners Club (NYRRC), which runs the marathon.

Allan Steinfeld, one of New York's chief officials, yesterday accused USA Track and Field, the national governing body, of "ambushing" their event. USATF held a press conference with Plaatjes on Ellis Island that clashed with one given by the club.

Since New York's 26,000 runners pay membership levies to the federation, Steinfeld was irked that USATF should bite the hand that feeds it. "Why steal press from us when we help USA Track and Field?" Steinfeld said.

The NYRRC has hardly covered itself in honour either, snubbing Plaatjes: no VIP treatment, no invitations. "He is nothing to do with us," Steinfeld said.



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Becker rediscovers best form

By Our Sports Staff

MAGNUS Gustafsson, of Sweden, playing with an injured knee, defeated the No 2 seed, Michael Stich, 7-6, 7-5 yesterday to set up a semi-final match against Boris Becker in the European Community championships in Antwerp. Becker, the No 3 seed, played his best tennis of the week to beat Magnus Larsson, of Sweden, 6-1, 7-6.

Gustafsson wore Stich down for most of the match and relied on his opponent's errors to clinch his unexpected win. Gustaffson said afterwards that Stich's heavy programme over the past weeks made his job easier. "Once you get on top of a guy who has been playing a lot, it's easier," he said.

The decisive break came at 5-5 in the second set when Stich double-faulted twice.

Becker was totally on top in the first set of his match against Larsson. Serving well, and playing near-flawless groundstrokes, he wrapped up the first set in just 23 minutes, but this year Becker has rarely been able to sustain his form, and was quickly trailing 5-2 in the second set.



Becker: semi-finalist

Becker started complaining, swinging at thin air and shouting — mostly at himself. It immediately paid off this time and he steadily fought himself back into the match.

In his earlier matches here he wasted almost any break-point thrown at him, but yesterday he used the first to get back in the match and force a tiebreak. Larsson collapsed under the pressure and did not win a single point.

Clare Wood will lead Britain's defence of the European women's team championship in Sheffield on November 24 to 28. The Sussex player, who won her second national title at Telford last week, is joined by Mandy Wainwright (Essex), Shirli-Ann Siddall (Dorset) and Valda Lake (Devon).

Britain won the event for the first time in Prague last year, led by Jo Durie, who is unavailable this time because of a knee injury. Wood and Siddall were also part of that victorious team.

Teams from Belgium, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Czech Republic, Holland, and Switzerland will also compete for the trophy at the Graves Tennis and Leisure Centre.

Emily Bond, 20, from Gloucestershire, reached the final of the LTA satellite tournament in Swindon yesterday with an aggressive 6-3, 6-1 victory over Eva Borras, of Spain. Bond's penetrating ground strokes proved decisive and she will meet Svetlana Parhomenko, of Russia, who beat her in straight sets in the final in Basingstoke a month ago.

Gabriela Sabatini reached the quarter-finals of the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Lindsay Davenport on Thursday.



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The dons and Don Corleone





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"Men of honour" greet each other with a kiss, but academia can be just as riddled with treachery

Are Oxbridge and the Cosa Nostra different faces of the same beast? **Andy Martin** investigates a new book on the Mafia

If the Mafia took over in Britain, what would this country be like? Would there be a severed horse *head on your pillow in the* morning and swarthy men with cotton wool in their cheeks making offers you cannot refuse? No — it would be more or less as it is now.

The popular genre of the Italian crime and corruption story permits us a high degree of self-satisfied *Schadenfreude* at the contemplation of so much mayhem abroad. In contrast, Diego Gambetta's new book, *The Sicilian Mafia: the business of private protection*, a cool, unsensational look at a hot topic, compels the British to see the dark side of ourselves. Our island looks less like the antithesis of Italy than another Sicily. You don't need a Borsalino hat and five o'clock shadow *to qualify* as a "man of honour".

There have been two competing theories about the Mafia. Either it is everywhere, a *tight-knit secret* society with long tentacles, or it is nowhere, a figment of our paranoid imagination, the construct of conspiratorially-minded crime novelists and screen writers. Gambetta cunningly manages to have it both ways. The Mafia is neither an organisation nor a pure *fiction, but a brand name* which a constellation of autonomous groups has a joint interest in promoting.

Violence, or the credible threat of violence, is deployed as a strategic means to an end. The Mafia appears afresh not as an exotic aberration, *the* rotten fruit of a Mediterranean subculture, but a rational, even in some ways exemplary, economic enterprise, whose biggest-selling — whose *only* — *product happens to be protection*, arbitrating transactions between parties who distrust one another. This helps to explain why the book went down so well in Sicily. The Sicilians did not feel so bad about themselves after reading it.

Like Sir Richard Burton infiltrating himself into Mecca, Gambetta penetrated the ruthless criminal underworlds of Palermo and Naples to carry out his research. Now back on the mean streets of Oxford, where he *is a university lecturer in sociology* and fellow at St Anne's College, he might, at first glance, look like stereotypical Hollywood mafioso. In fact, he comes from the mountains of the north, and his secret life is as an alpine guide and skiing guru.

Gambetta compels us to see the world *through dark glasses*. He objects to "an unfounded ontological opposition between criminal and legal economic endeavours", and compares the rituals and operations of the Mafia not just with the Japanese *yakuza* and the newly privatised and criminalised Russia, but also with the business community at large: insurance, banking, the Church — and Oxbridge.

It does not take a sociologist to see that Oxbridge, like the Mafia, is highly mythified and depends on the inscrutable commodity of reputation. The Mafia comprises a cluster of "*families*" — in New York, for instance, Bonanno, Gambino, Genovese, Colombo, Lucchese. The university, similarly, is a collection of colleges. But both are more than the sum of their independent parts, *which pay* allegiance to a common name or "trademark".

When pressed on this point, Gambetta drew *some important distinctions*. "Here, protection is a by-product. Whereas in the case of the Mafia, education is the by-product." Also, the Mafia has more murderous ways of teaching people a lesson than delivering lectures to them.

Nevertheless, *omertà* and gang warfare are second nature in Oxbridge. A post-structuralist once rang me up in the middle of *some philosophical dispute* and said: "If you write anything about this in the media, it will be bad for you." If you cross anyone once, *the eternity of* backstabbing that follows sometimes makes you long for a soothing acid bath. It is hard to escape the etymological symmetry of Don Corleone *and the dons*.

In his autobiography, Sir Karl Popper, the philosopher, recalls coming to Cambridge for a *meeting of the* Moral Sciences Club. He and Ludwig Wittgenstein got into a heated argument about the existence of "moral rules". Wittgenstein rose up, brandishing a poker and demanding an example of a moral rule. "Not to threaten visiting lecturers with a poker," Popper replied. Other accounts have both armed with pokers.

Colin McCabe was a famous victim of Cambridge academic feuding and vendetta. Caught in the crossfire in the English faculty between *British positivists and pro*continental semioticians, he was deported to Strathclyde rather than — as *happened to one Sicilian crook* — recycled as pig-swill.

Gambetta's book reminds us how perilous even research can be. In a passage on Mafia control of the fish market in Sicily the author observes, "regretfully, the information I collected was sufficient to persuade me to *refrain from* closer inspection. I gave up on fish and turned to fruit and vegetables." The danger cut both ways: a *building contractor he interviewed* was later murdered.

Contrary to mythology, the Mafia is far from secretive: thriving on propaganda, it has to publicise its silence. In the beginning, indeed, was the word. For the name — probably derived from an 1863 play *I Mafiusi della Vicaria*, concerning a group of Palermo prisoners who claim to wield political influence — was latched on to by local criminals to provide a heroic rationale.

The later accretion, Cosa Nostra, seems to have been the invention of the FBI agent who misconstrued a casual reference to "our thing" as a sinister code name for the organisation; but again it was a fiction that caught on in reality. The Mafia models itself on its own simulacra. The real mobsters took a close *interest in the casting of The Godfather* and would have preferred Paul Newman to Marlon Brando.

Gambetta puts into practice the recommendation of Judge Giovanni Falcone, the examining magistrate who led an anti-Mafia investigation and was blown up for his efforts: "Let us learn to reflect on Cosa Nostra's *methods in a serene and detached* way.". Gambetta's objections to the Mafia are cast less in moral than in economic terms. The Mafia skews the market and impedes development. Its victims are the consumers who ultimately cover the cost of protection by paying higher prices for less *efficient production*, as much as the targets of Mafia bombs and guns.

Alongside fish and fruit and veg in Palermo, *The Sicilian Mafia makes* out parallel networks of collusion elsewhere in the world, from pet food to salad dressings to beer. In each case, an oligopoly or cartel tends to turn a business into a racket. Gambetta gives as an example of manipulation and extortion, "a company producing cars which puts pressure on the government or on individual politicians to spend more money on highways and less on railways, irrespective of whether this is in the public interest".

But where does the Mafia fit into the British picture? The answer is you do not need the Mafia here: in some respects, the *government is* the Mafia, protecting one vested interest rather than another. If violence is sublimated, it could be argued we have attained the *Pax Mafiosa*.

What then is the essential difference between England and Sicily, I asked Gambetta. "It's usually cheaper *to bribe the government*," he said. Then he added: "But I still choose to live in Oxford rather than Palermo."

● The Sicilian Mafia: the business of private protection *is published by Harvard University Press at £24.95.*

● *Andy Martin is a lecturer at Cambridge University.*

Doing it yourself is costly but isn't it better than doing a job?

Real cost of improving your home

Conrad, the carpenter who is doing some work for us, popped his head round the door the other morning to say he was sorry he had not been along for a bit but he was moving house.

"It's *all right*," I said bitterly, "providing it's not too long until you come back. I *know I only asked* you to do the shelves very recently, but it's been six years since I've wanted them done."

Conrad's serene face lit up. "We've been in *our* place 22 years, and it's still not finished.

"My brother's the same," he chuckled. "He's a builder *and he took two years-off to* work solidly on his own place, and that's nowhere near finished. A *house is* never finished."

The thought that our tiny cottage might still be unfinished for another 16 years sent waves of anxiety rushing through my system. It is all too likely. Six years ago, *when we moved in, my* husband was determined to do the restoration himself. He spent nearly a year patching up four rotten windows with filler.

"How much would it cost to have proper replacement windows fitted?" I used to *plead, as the "restoration"* proceeded at a snail's pace.

"No, no, no . . . you don't want to start *replacing* windows," he would reply patronisingly. "Creaking gates last longest. This sort of old wood is properly hung and seasoned. You can't get wood like it."

The next year he painted the inside of the house and all the surfaces had to be rubbed down by hand with sandpaper. This meant that each room precipitated a protracted period of tool-*downing, as he had* "given myself asthma because of the dust. I'd better work in *the garden for a few days.*"

If the average Briton's wage during 1988 and 89 was £12,000 a year, this meant that repairing the windows and painting the walls himself had actually cost us £24,000. Yet, during those years, people with "properties" felt that the very act of owning a property was generating a fabulous sum per week. And if the property was being improved as well, well, one was earning far, far more than in a *job*.

In many cases, owners had to do the work themselves anyway. Workmen were impossible to pin down as they too were afflicted by greed and had all taken on more work than they could manage.

So my husband continued his painstaking work. "But it's only earning us money if we're actually going to sell *it*, and we're not," I used to reason. But there was a prevailing ethos at the time that somehow your personal worth went up in direct proportion to the worth of your house.

Latest accounts report *that it is a mistake to do up* your house. Far from recouping over and above *your outlay on home improvement*, you are likely to lose it as the new owners are almost certain not to like your taste, no matter how good it is, and have to take into account the cost of "gutting the place" when they decide whether or not to make an offer. One house I know, which was made *exquisite by one of* England's most celebrated taste brokers, is being gutted at *huge expense so that* the inexperienced newcomers can have their own stamp of identity on it.

Yet, even if it is now futile from a financial point of view to try to improve your home, that doesn't stop hundreds of Britons from performing small, satisfying jobs around the house and telling themselves *it is* "adding value". Even for those who admit that they have no intention of selling, doing up their house can provide a comforting substi*tute for a career*.

A dotty friend in London is an example to us of what can *happen if you get too* obsessed with your house. For 15 years, hers has been a *home — to builders and* plumbers. She proudly showed us her latest project. She had been burrowing into a party wall of her terrace Georgian house like some prisoner of war and has painstakingly and silently removed a course of bricks. To her delight, she has been able to increase the space in her downstairs lavatory by about a foot, enabling a small washbasin *to be installed in, effectively*, her neighbour's house.

I have been admiring her home improvements for years but once, when I was going to meet an old friend of hers, she said: "If he asks how I am, don't say I'm doing up the house."

"Why not?" I asked.

"Oh, because he's always teasing me about it. He thinks it's all I do."

Casting *my mind* back over the 15 years I had known her, I was unable to remember any *time when* you did not have to step through an obstacle course of paint pots and planks on arrival at the house. I had never taken it in before but, of course, it is important they *should* be kept in the *hall*. That way people get the message straight away that she is actually doing something with her life.



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Michael Woods takes a 'Blustery Break' to learn the meteorological secrets of the British climate


MICHAEL WOODS

John Adamson of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology shows visitors the automatic weather station at Moor House National Nature Reserve

The ground undulated gently underfoot like a giant waterbed — just the sort of thing you would expect of a peat bog high in the Durham dales. However, this was no peat bog but a square of camouflage netting concealing a special tank, hidden among the heather. It is, Ian Findley proudly told us, the only snow pillow in Britain and is designed to measure the weight of snow which falls on it.

Mr Findlay is English Nature's warden for Upper Teesdale National Nature Reserve, and every day within 15 minutes of 9am GMT, he comes out to his weather-monitoring station, the highest climatological station in England, up in the fells, to record the details of the weather for the past 24 hours. There have been many occasions when the only way to reach his station was on skis and the only way into the strongly fenced compound was over the top, for this part of England gets serious weather. It also has more than its share of weather recorders and, with all these enthusiastic experts on hand, it would be hard to think of a better place for a "Blustery Break", a relaxed weekend looking at the vagaries of our climate.

Our break began at Breckon Hill, the house of John Say, a dedicated weather watcher, at Westgate in Weardale, and we arrived just in time to find him recording Saturday morning's figures — no rainfall, an overnight minimum grass temperature of almost minus 10C, a dry, force-1 breeze and not a cloud in the sky — in short, not blustery at all but a beautiful autumn day. This description, however, is far too subjective and unscientific for the Meteorological Office. For official sites such as those tended by Mr Findlay and Mr Say, there are closely defined descriptions for 99 different types of weather. Some, of course, turn up time and again. Others simply do not apply — there are not many sandstorms in Weardale.

Mr Say is close to being a weather fanatic and freely admits that, rather than taking readings, he "collects weather". He has been doing so non-stop since 1959, although it is only recently that he has set up an official Meteorological Office weather station with its familiar white-louvred box on legs, called a Stevenson Screen, its rain gauge, wind vane and anemometer.

From Breckon Hill we drove over miles of fine open grouse moor, the heather brown in the sunshine and the bracken turning the gingery colour of an old orang-utan. Sheep mooched casually across the road, grazed or rubbed against the black and white striped snow posts. We dropped into Teesdale with its scattered sparkling white cottages and crawled to the glinting expanse of Cow Green reservoir behind a labouring tractor towing a trailer piled high with hay. The farmer had been spurred by the sprinkling of snow on the distant slopes of Cross Fell to bring in winter rations for his stock.

Mr Findley led us to his weather station, stopping on the way to demonstrate how sugar limestone, cooked by volcanic intrusions, crumbles to create a habitat suitable for the arctic alpine flora for which his reserve is famed. This station was set up 20 years ago to monitor the weather after botanists became alarmed that the imminent construction of the reservoir might change the microclimate and affect the area's plants. In addition to collecting similar data to Mr Say, Mr Findlay also records sunshine and the temperature of the soil at varying depths and gathers acid rain, which is dispatched for analysis.

After tramping over the moors to see the snow pillow, we went back to Breckon Hill for lunch and more weather chat. Our afternoon was free so I went to the old lead crushing works at Killhope with its restored 32ft-high overshot water well, while others rode the South Tynedale Railway. We came together again in the evening at High Windy Hall, a beautifully located and tastefully renovated hotel where local farmer and raconteur, John Anderson, amused us with weather poems and agricultural anecdotes.

The North Pennines sparkled in brilliant sunshine on the following morning as I parted the curtains at the hall and looked across to the white radar golf ball on distant Great Dun Fell. Sheep bleated in the valley fields below and a group of cattle came at the run for a delivery of silage, their breath steaming in the frosty air — another beautiful day.

Moor House National Nature Reserve, where we spent the morning, has had a weather station since 1952. This is the area to which Gordon Manley, "the pioneer blustery breaker" and author of *Climate and the British Scene*, would come in the 1930s to live in a small hut and make weather recordings as a change from academic life. Between December and March, he frequently recorded average temperatures which were below zero.

We were met by John Adamson from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology. The station is no longer manned, for Moor House Farm is empty. Instead, all the recordings are carried out automatically through a neat weather station on a single pole and powered by a solar panel. New equipment has recently been installed, including an automatic rain gauge heated by wind power to prevent it freezing. Moor House is one of a number of stations in the Natural Environmental Research Council's "environmental change network", a new programme studying a number of key factors in order to monitor long term changes in Britain's climate.

As we drank coffee and enjoyed chocolate fudge brownies in Mr Adamson's site cabin, he explained that the data automatically collected is not directly comparable with that obtained by the dedicated band of recorders who operate manned stations. On the other hand, it no longer requires people to sleep out on freezing mountainsides in small huts. But, for all the high-tech and fully automated gadgetry at Moor House, there is no snow pillow there.

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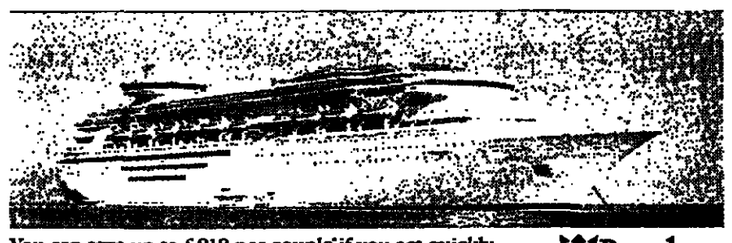
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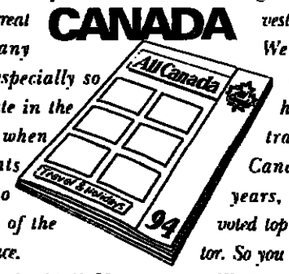
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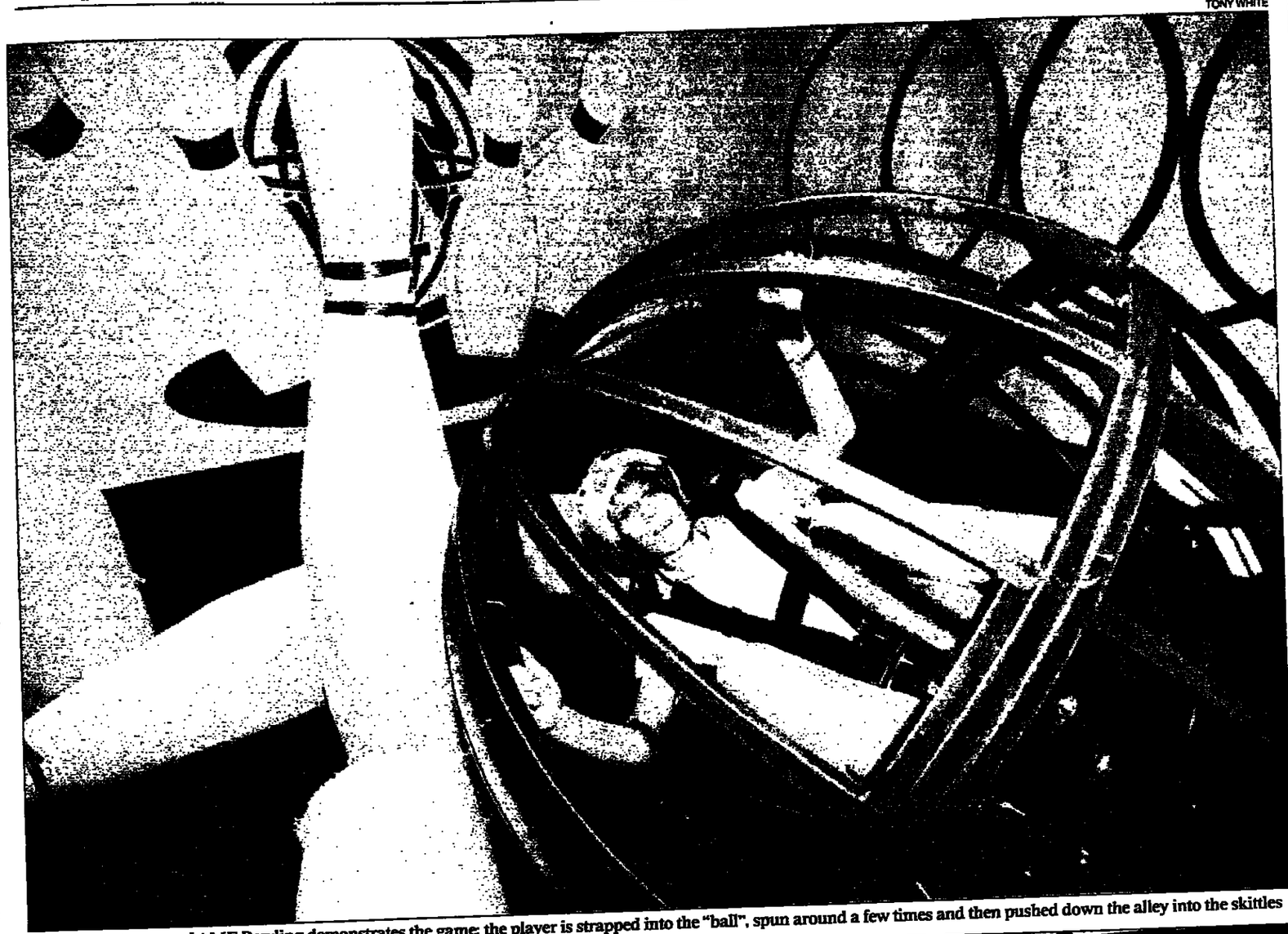
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Malinda Stappers of AMF Bowling demonstrates the game: the player is strapped into the "ball", spun around a few times and then pushed down the alley into the skittles

Out for a spin at the bowling alley

To accuse 21-year-old Elizabeth Mills of lacking self-control would be harsh. Admittedly, she is yelling so raucously and persistently that people are beginning to stare. But, then, she is hanging upside down inside a 4ft metal sphere, which has been spun vigorously by two men and then hurled down a carpeted runway toward a series of 5ft-high foam skittles.

Under the circumstances, screaming like a banshee should be regarded as a display of sang-froid.

The oversized skittles fly everywhere as Ms Mills smashes into them. They also arrest her momentum. An attendant instantly scurries over to tilt her upright.

"Oh God, it was horrible: terrifying, awful," Ms Mills moans breathlessly from inside the bowl. "Can I have another go, please?"

This is the wacky world of human bowling, which originated in New York in 1992. There are now more than 500 human bowling centres in the US where the sport is played competitively in leagues.

AMF Bowling, in Worthing, West Sussex, introduced the game to Britain. Gladiator wannabees mad enough to give it a go are strapped into a 110lb steel cage, spun round half a dozen times to acclimatise, and then aimed at the cloth-covered skittles.

"It's mental, totally mental," Ms Mills says. "One of the worst bits is when they're spinning you at the start — but that's OK because you are in one place and upright. It's when they start rolling you and you're hanging upside down. It felt as if it was never going to end.

"Then you smash into the skittles and everything stops. It doesn't hurt, unless you clip the side of the alley, which gives you a bit of a jolt. Oh dear, I'm babbling."

Babbling is common among players but, oddly, there have not yet been any ill effects to report. "That's because the bowl acts like a gyroscope," says Simon Brown, one of three AMF officials on hand to maintain safety. "Your stomach always remains at the same level and doesn't get churned up."

With lively children jostling mellower student-types to get to the front of the queue, the game's appeal seems universal. "It's picked up through word of mouth," Mr Brown says. "During the day, mainly children play. The only restriction is a 3ft 5in minimum height requirement. In the evening it's an adult thing. The bar is next door, so people have a drink, then think, 'Wow, that looks fun.'"

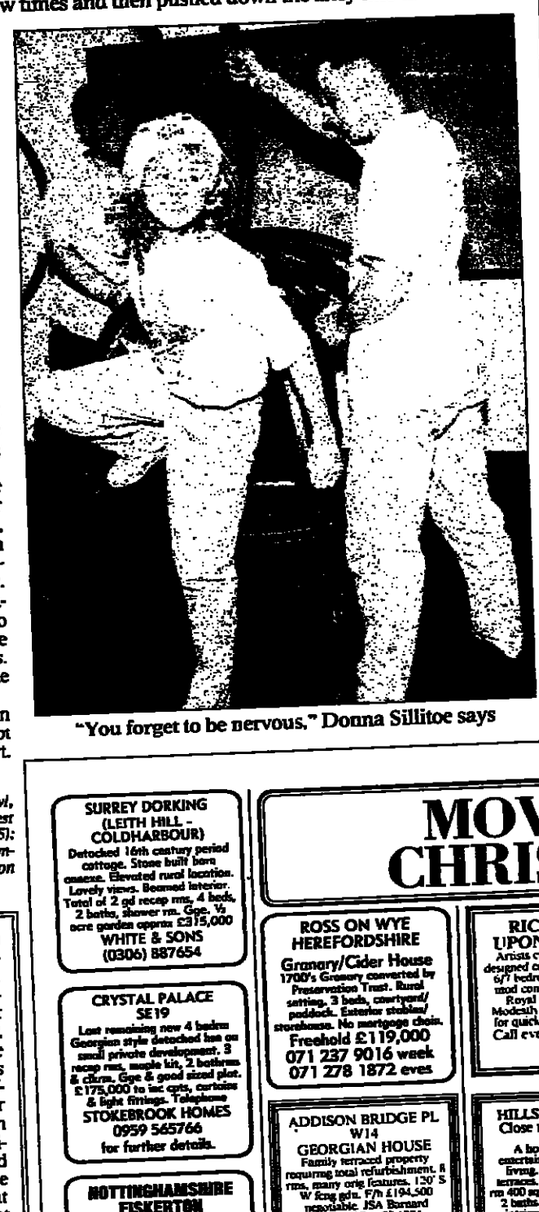
Donna and Kylie Sillitoe, aged 12 and nine, agreed it was fun. "As they spin you round and round at the beginning, you get dizzy," Donna said. "But it's so exciting that you forget to be nervous." "I didn't feel dizzy at all," Kylie said. "I'd definitely come again." Sue Sillitoe, 34, their mother, said: "I was shaking throughout. But now I feel really good."

Mr Brown says only one person, a man, has chickened out so far. "We put him in the cage, spun him round and he just didn't like it. So we let him out. There is no 'You can't get out' policy here. In fact, we have more problems getting people off the thing than on."

"We're still at an early stage with the game in the UK," Mr Brown says. "In America, teams of three — one person in the bowl and two rolling it — compete against each other. Over here, for safety regulations, trained staff have to strap players in and push the bowl, which rules out teams. Players just enjoy the sensation."

Meanwhile, the search is on for the next mad fad to tempt the nation's young at heart. Anyone for human pinball?

● *AMF Bowling, Worthing Bowl, Marine Parade, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 3PZ (0903 230835): Sun, Tues, Fri 7-11pm; Sat 10am-5pm and 7-11pm. £2 per person (four rolls) or £10 an hour.*



"You forget to be nervous," Donna Sillitoe says

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

CYNDI LAUPER

Singer



Where would you go?
Baker's Island, off Marblehead in Massachusetts, at the end of the summer. There are no cars on the island, no electricity and no running water; you read by kerosene lamp and pump water from a well. I am bombarded with work and people all the time, so it is great to get away to an isolated place.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My husband, David.

How would you get there?
We would drive to Marblehead from Connecticut, where we live, in about four hours, and then cross to the island in our friend Bobby Pescucci's lobster boat.

Where would you stay?
With my husband's parents at their summer cottage. Built of wood, it overlooks the rocks and the sea.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
Warm pyjamas, woollen socks and sweaters.

What medicines would accompany you?
Herbal teas and vitamins.

What would you eat?
For breakfast, codfish cakes. Boston baked beans and brown bread — real comfort food. I don't usually eat lunch, but for dinner I would have mussels picked from the rocks and steamed in white wine, native lobsters and potatoes sliced thinly and baked in the oven, followed by island blackberries. David's mother always does the cooking — staying with her is like being a little kid again.

What would you have to drink?
Champagne or gin martinis with olives, followed by a nice bottle of white wine.

Which books would you take to read?
I'd read the books that are there — mysteries by Dorothy L. Sayers, Margery Allingham and P.D. James: a change from the mu usual self-help books.

What music would you listen to?
Chopin's "Nocturnes"; Chet Baker, the jazz trumpeter; and Ben Webster — a terrific jazz saxophonist. When the batteries in my Walkman run out, I would listen to the waves.

What film would you watch?
If it were possible, *Les Enfants du Paradis* — the *Gone With the Wind* of French films.

Would you play any games or sport?
Cribbage and backgammon, and go hiking.

What luxury would you have there?
My piano.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
One of Matisse's *Bathers*.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
The press.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
None.

What three things would you leave behind?
The telephone, alarm clock and my passport.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Go sailing: we wouldn't go far — David is no Christopher Columbus. 2. Go beachcombing. 3. Sleep in a hammock on the porch.

Who would you send a postcard to?
My cats.

What souvenir would you bring home?
Home-made raspberry jam.

What would you like to find when you got home?
No messages.

Interview by ***Rosanna Greenstreet***

● *Cyndi Lauper's album* Hat Full of Stars *is released on Monday.*

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date appearing in national broadsheet newspapers

2/5 Miles of wiles: The actress Sarah Miles has written a book about her childhood, *A Right Royal Bastard* (Macmillan £16.99). "The terrible title," said Lynn Barber in *The Sunday Times*, "is typical of the book in that it contains a grain of truth puffed up like popcorn": in fact, Sarah Miles is only "royal" by maternal descent from Prince Francis of Teck, and only "a bastard" because her parents did not marry until after she was born. All the same, Barber found "a naive charm" in this "child's-eye view" of a "spectacularly naughty" childhood. "The main problem," Barber concluded, is "how much of her battiness is pure eccentricity and how much is special pleading designed to elevate her above common mortals."

In *The Daily Telegraph*, Paul Bailey seemed as awed as he was appalled. "This is a memorably awful book," he wrote, "of a badness that could not be imitated. The publishers ought to provide Valium with each copy."
Col cms: 104.

4/5 Conquest of Prescott? It was bold of Hugh Thomas to call his new book *The Conquest of Mexico* (Hutchinson £25), when that was already the title of Prescott's great classic published 150 years ago. Both deal with the Spaniard Cortes's victory over Montezuma and the Aztecs in Mexico at the beginning of the 16th century. The question was how the two books compared — and big guns were brought in to answer it.

Thomas came out of the ordeal pretty well. "There is room for a new account," wrote Hugh Trevor-Roper in *The Daily Telegraph*, and Thomas's was "a splendid book: a great theme, and a great story, well told". In *The Times*, J.H. Elliot said that Thomas had not used all the new knowledge we have of the losers' side of the story, but that he tells the Spanish side of it "with enormous verve, and a richness of detail which makes it the most comprehensive account to date". In *The Guardian*, Anthony Pagden also said it "shares much of Prescott's narrative verve" — though he regarded it as being "deeply sympathetic to the plight of the Aztecs". Crispin Tickell in *The Observer* would have liked more on "the longer term effects of the conquest" — but John Hemming in *The Sunday Telegraph* found it did "full justice to the tumultuous adventure".
Col cms: 249.



"Royal" Sarah Miles

3/5 Towering Tom: Lord Denning's books about the law have been practically the only works of their kind ever to get on the bestseller list; nevertheless, Iris Freeman's *Lord Denning* (Hutchinson £25) is the first full-length biography to be written of this "brilliant mind locked into the body of a humble rustic", as David Mellor called him in *The Daily Telegraph*. Mr Mellor was in raptures: the book "lovingly celebrates ... that perfect blend of intellectual sophistication and spiritual simplicity that is so enchanting about Tom Denning". Lord Hailsham in *The Sunday Telegraph* agreed that "Tom was a towering figure", even though by the time he resigned as a judge "he was well past the end of his shelf-life". In *The Times* Walter Ellis wrote of Denning with the same "respect and obvious affection" that he found in the book — but he felt he should point out that Denning's aim was "to adapt the law until it conforms to his own Victorian values ... Olde England was not all beer and skittles".
Col cms: 132.

4/5 Not for Di: At the time of the Prince of Wales's marriage, some people hoped that Spencer House, the great 18th-century mansion on the edge of Green Park, might become the new couple's home. "Perhaps their union would have been strengthened" if it had, said David Watkin in *The Evening Standard*, for Joseph Friedman, in *Spencer House* (Zwemmer £39.50), "shows that its sumptuous interior was an allegory on the triumph of love and marriage". Watkin said this was "the most important monograph ever published on a single town house", and he rejoiced that it had now been "magnificently restored" by Jacob Rothschild and was open to the public. In *The Sunday Telegraph*, Kenneth Powell admired both house and book, only regretting that in the book Rothschild remains an "elusive figure".
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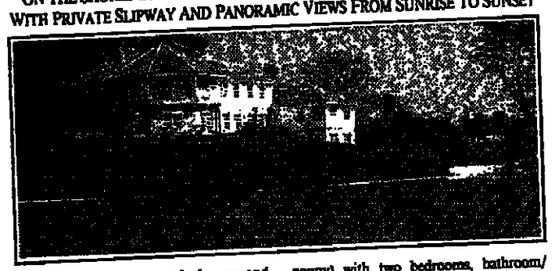
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Scotland serves up a winner

THE TIMES/BARON PHILIPPE DE ROTHSCHILD
COOK OF THE YEAR 1993

The 12 finalists of *The Times*/Baron Philippe de Rothschild Cook of the Year 1993 who came to cook at Leith's School of Food and Wine in west London proved that home cooking is flourishing in British kitchens. They were each rewarded with a case of red and a case of white Mouton Cadet. The two runners-up and the first-prize winner and their partners, together with the judges, enjoyed a visit to Bordeaux, which included a visit to the vineyards and cellars and lunch at Château Mouton Rothschild; the first-prize winner also won a week's course at Leith's and a "stage" in the kitchen with Brian Turner, our guest judge.

The scores of entries were very revealing of how we eat and entertain today. We are still a nation of meat eaters, like it or not, and we like roasts. Four per cent of the entries were vegetarian. Lamb was chosen as the main course by 37 per cent — Wiltshire and Scottish lamb were particularly well represented. For an autumn meal, surprisingly little game was chosen. Pork and duck did not appear very often, neither did beef or offal. However, several chose fish as their main course, including an intriguing hot, fresh gravlax pattie.

Garnishes and accompaniments were nicely seasonal, hardly a mangetout or baby corn in sight. Instead, much was made of turnips, carrots, leeks, salsify and red cabbage, which turned out to be a favourite vegetable.

There was a strong predilection for sweet and fruity flavours with the main course; red cabbage was cooked with orange and apples; a plum, damson and red-wine sauce accompanied roast duck; cranberries were cooked with carrots and with red cabbage, and honey and jammy glazes were used on many of the roasts, not always showing a classic red bordeaux to the best advantage. We were served one or two very spicy hot starters, for which the dry white Mouton Cadet was a good match. Citrussy and fruity-sweet notes, when used with a heavy hand, spoilt both wines, however.

One of our runners-up, Alison Riddell, served a creamy cep sauce with mushrooms that she had picked near her home in the New Forest. I have never seen such large, clean, handsome specimens as the one she brought in that day. It accompanied one of the most unusual sounding dishes in the whole competition, roast smoked bacon loin with roast kidney. These were roasted in a little of their fat, and spiked with rosemary, a combination that the judges liked very much. The bacon was glazed with sloe and damson jelly after being simmered in cider with onion, sloes and juniper. Individual leek soufflés and an autumn charlotte of Coxes, Bramleys and blackberries topped and tailed this meal full of English autumn flavours.

Of our 12 finalists, three live in Scotland, and one of them, Nancy Robson from Elgin, was our other runner-up. Mrs Robson says she has been interested in cooking "since I have been able to see over a stove". She says her mother was a terrible cook, and thus she received great encouragement from her father and brothers. Her first course was a pale green and gold dish of grilled monkfish with a dill mustard sauce and cabbage. A pile of diced tomatoes or red pepper sticks would not, she felt, enhance this dish. We were impressed with similar attitudes among most entrants. The food described and later cooked by some of them was remarkably free of extraneous garnish.

Mrs Robson chose Scottish lamb for her main course, a boned and marinated leg, which was grilled over a high heat to produce a crisp, dark coat and a pink interior. The sauce was a light combination of marinade and cooking juices, and the garnishes were dressed watercress, garlic creamed potatoes and a small bundle of colourful vegetables cooked with a hint of ginger. Her pudding was a pear and ginger upside-down pudding.

Many of the same flavours appear in the winning menu cooked by Martha Spencer, who also lives in Scotland, and who, like Mrs Robson, is American. (I'm not sure what this says about British home cooking.) A Napoleon, layers of puff pastry and pears cooked in brandy with a ginger pastry cream, was her pudding recipe, and her main course was also Scottish lamb, sweet and succulent roasted racks of lamb, eked out with the meat from braised lamb shanks, and accompanied by roasted root vegetables.

Here is one of Mrs Spencer's recipes which so delighted the judges, a stunning fillet of salmon with a sauce made from the hot green Japanese *wasabi*, tempered with cream and butter, an excellent companion to the classic dry white bordeaux served to the judges.



The winner, Martha Spencer, cooked succulent lamb



DENZIL MCNEELANCE/JOHN MANNING

Susan Kronfli served whole roast Aylesbury ducklings



Nancy Robson prepared a boned, marinated leg of lamb



Paula Bryan did spicy rabbit boudin with tarragon sauce

Sautéed Scottish salmon in sesame seeds with a wasabi beurre blanc

(serves 6)

- 1½oz Scottish salmon fillet
- 3tbsp each of white and black sesame seeds
- 1oz unsalted butter
- 2tbsp peanut oil

Sauce

- 1tbsp shallots, chopped
- 2tbsp white wine vinegar
- 3tbsp dry white wine
- 5oz unsalted butter, chilled and diced
- 1tbsp wasabi powder, made into paste with 2tbsp water (freshly grated horseradish can be substituted)
- 2tbsp double cream
- juice of ½ lemon, or to taste

To make the sauce, in a small heavy-bottomed saucepan combine the shallots, vinegar and wine, and boil until reduced to about three tablespoons. Over a gentle heat, beat in the cold diced butter, a piece at a time. Add the *wasabi* paste, or freshly grated horseradish, to taste. Thin with cream and lemon juice to a coating consistency. Keep warm in a *bain marie* until ready to serve.

Cut the salmon into six equal portions, remove skin, and check for any remaining bones. Press the mixed sesame seeds on to the fillet, covering all surfaces.

Melt one tablespoon of butter and the oil in a non-stick pan over medium high heat. When the fat is hot, sauté salmon until just cooked through. Arrange on a warm plate, pour strained sauce over salmon, and serve immediately.

Sipping with the specialists

Supermarket wines are fine, but small merchants sell a better bottle

BRITAIN has become a wine-drinking nation in the past 20 years, largely because of the supermarkets, which have made wine accessible and rid it of snobbery. They have made such a success of interesting their customers in wine that they have branched out from selling only cheap wines to offering a wide range of wines from all over the world, at all sorts of prices.

In the last few years the success of the supermarkets has been followed by that of the big brewery-owned off-licence chains, which have improved their range of wines to such an extent that the Whitbread-owned Wine Rack was recently awarded the title Wine Merchant of the Year by *Wine Magazine*.

While supermarkets and off-licences have been improving, specialist wine merchants have been struggling. The recession has forced several of them into bankruptcy, and a number of their customers have lost wine for which they have already paid.

It might seem that there is no reason any longer to buy wine from a specialist wine merchant. This would be wrong, however. The sheer size of the supermarket and off-licence operations makes it difficult for them to buy from small producers, who do not make enough wine to satisfy their needs. Yet it is the small producers who, as a general rule, make the finest wines: only they are able to give every vine, every vat and every barrel the individual attention that they require. This is especially true in Burgundy and in Hermitage, Côte Rôtie and Cornas in the northern Rhône valley. The best small producers in these regions are courted by wine buyers from all over the world, but generally choose to sell their wines only to those specialist wine merchants who they consider attend to detail in the same way as themselves.

Some specialists survive on their exclusivities; others are innovators, who go out and find new wines, and who take the risk of selling wines that most supermarket or off-licence buyers would consider to be too weird for their customers, such as Italian wines made from obscure native grape varieties. Unlike the supermarkets and off-licences, they are able to explain personally to their customers why these wines taste as they do.

THE specialists do sell some inexpensive wines, but that is not their forte. They specialise in selling hand-crafted wines made from low-yielding vines, which necessarily cost more than mass-produced wines made from high-yielding vines — generally more than £5 a bottle. If a bottle of wine is to be more than just a pleasant-tasting beverage, if it is to be capable of evoking time and place and personality, if it is to offer complexity and character, then that is what you have to spend.

ANDREW BARR

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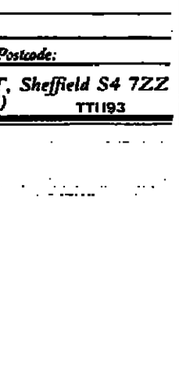
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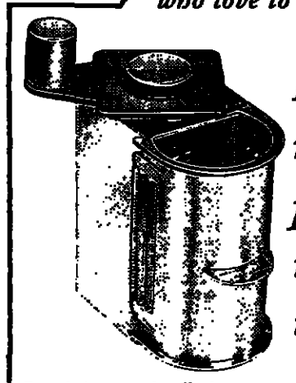
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Bangers with a taste explosion

DIANA LEADBETTER



One of my favourite dishes for late autumn entertaining is bangers and mash. Over the past year or so I have become increasingly enthusiastic about sausages: the real British banger is beginning to emerge from the heap of nastiness foisted on us for so long with a "sausage" label attached to it. Some of the nastiness still exists in sausages so cheap that you wonder (but would rather not know) what they can possibly contain.

There are many British bangers. Apart from the classic Cumberland and Lincolnshire sausages, butchers all over the country are making them to their own recipes; some are new, some are taken from old cookery books, many of them have won prizes.

Specialist sausage makers are extending the boundaries all the time of the accepted view of the sausage, so that herbs, spices, fruit and vegetables are combined with a variety of meats, not always successfully but with a good deal of imagination. Supermarkets, too, are upgrading their sausages, and some of them are very good.

As with most things, you get what you pay for; a cheap sausage will be a cheap sausage. It is worth paying the top price for the best quality sausage and making a meal out of it.

When I was a student in Germany, many of my meals included sausages. It was a cold spring, and even though I could afford the three-course meals in the canteen, my preferred lunch was *Eintopfessen*, the one-pot meal. My favourites were the split pea and lentil soups which were so thick that the accompanying bockwürst could stand up in it. A bowl of sauerkraut with a boiled potato and sausage was another favourite.

Toad-in-the-hole is a popular dish with expatriates and I often put it on my menus when I'm cooking at hotels abroad. The butcher chef at such hotels is usually Swiss or German, and before we get down to making up a batch of sausages I have to put up with jokes about there not being enough bread in the bakery to make English sausages. The secret to a successful toad, apart from excellent sausages, is to have the greased roasting tin very hot before you pour in the batter. The best way to ensure this is to cook the sausages in the roasting tin in a hot oven for about ten-15 minutes first, and then pour in the batter.

Mash is usually simply mashed potato, but now it comes flavoured with olive oil, pesto, spices, garlic, herbs, chopped dried tomatoes, spring onions, chopped olives. Or, it is combined with other root vegetables, and this is the approach I favour for bangers and mash. After much experimenting, I like a combination of potatoes and sweet potatoes for the sausages. With game sausages, however, I would make a celeriac and potato mash, as I would for other game dishes.

Bangers and mash

(serves 4-6)

1½ lb/680g sausages
1½ lb/680g large potatoes, peeled
1lb/455g sweet potato, peeled
peeled cloves of 1 head of garlic
seasoning

Put the sausages in a lightly greased pan to stop them sticking, and bake them in the oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for about 40 minutes, or for a shorter time in a hotter oven. The sausages can be grilled or fried, but I like the even cooking and browning produced by the oven. Meanwhile, cut the potatoes and sweet potato into even chunks and boil with the garlic. Drain, mash and season, and heap on to a serving dish. Arrange the sausages on top and serve. Beer, cider or red wine go well with this.

More sausage ideas

At this time of year, I can think of few better ways to eat sausages than in the Bordelais style, combining hot sausages with cold oysters. It makes a good starter for dinner, provided everyone likes oysters, and you can serve three or four each, rather than six or 12. The sausages should be roughly the same size as the oysters. Either twist each sausage in the middle, and snip it in half, or squeeze out the meat to make small patties. Grill, fry or bake, and alternate with shucked oysters on a serving plate or individual plates. Bite into a hot sausage, and then slurp down a cool oyster for a fine gustatory contrast.

This next recipe makes a good and substantial accompaniment to a tasting of red wines:

Spicy sausage roll

(makes 12-16 slices)

1lb/455g sausages
2tbsp port, red vermouth or amontillado sherry
2 shallots or 1 small onion, peeled, finely chopped and lightly fried
1tbsp finely chopped parsley, sage or watercress
1tsp ground allspice
½tsp crushed cardamon seeds
1tsp freshly ground black pepper
12oz/340g puff pastry
2-3tbsp Dijon or grain mustard
milk or beaten egg to glaze (optional)

Slit open the sausages and squeeze the meat into a bowl. Mix in the port or sherry, shallots or onions, herbs and spice and blend thoroughly. Add black pepper if you wish; it is unlikely you will need salt. Roll the pastry out to a rectangle, measuring about 8 x 12in/20.5 x 30.5cm, and spread with the mustard. Spoon the meat in a line along the pastry, and brush the long edges with water. Roll up, press the pastry edge to seal, and place the roll on a greased and floured baking sheet, with the join underneath. Slash with a knife point in two or three places on top to let steam escape. Brush with milk or egg, if you wish. Bake for 20-25 minutes in a preheated oven at 190C/375F, mark 5 gas. Allow to cool a little before slicing and serving.

The TIMES COOK

Sausages are getting tastier, Frances Bissell says, and are well worth making a meal of

For the ultimate weekend indulgence, I like breakfast sausages with hotcakes and maple syrup.

Hotcakes

(makes 6-7 large ones)

1 free-range egg
¼ pt/140ml semi-skimmed or skimmed milk
1 heaped tbsp plain yoghurt
¼lb/110g plain flour
1tsp baking powder
oil or butter for frying

Beat the egg, milk, yoghurt and flour to make a thick, smooth batter. Beat in the baking powder and wait until it begins to froth and bubble slightly on the surface. This indicates that the mixture is aerating because of the baking powder's action, and will produce a light batter.

Making sure the pan and fat are hot, pour in the batter until it covers the area of a small saucer. Do not shake the pan or spread the mixture. When the surface is matt, dry and full of holes, turn it over, and cook the underside for two to three minutes. Stack the hotcakes on a plate, set over a pan of hot water, until you have cooked all the batter.

Savoury hotcake suggestions

Hotcakes are just as good for breakfast without the sausages, and can be used in many other ways. Instead of saucer-size hot cakes, for example, make them the size of small coasters, and use as blini for caviar. Top them with flaked smoked trout or mackerel and a little soured cream and chopped onion for a cheaper treat.

Hotcakes make a good staple, too, as a change from bread or potatoes to accompany soups and stews. Use them as a base on which to pile vegetable stews, such as ratatouille, grate cheese on top, and finish off under the grill.

Sweet hotcake suggestions

Sweeten the basic hotcake batter and use it for quick puddings. Soak sultanas in orange juice or rum and sprinkle on to a large hotcake, trickle golden syrup over them, spoon on yoghurt or whipped cream and fold over for an easy, yet sumptuous pudding. Sliced apples fried in butter and sweetened with honey make a good filling.

Try chocolate hotcakes, substituting an ounce of cocoa for some of the flour. Place a white chocolate bar on top of the cooked hotcake and fold over. The heat will melt the chocolate, and the top surface can be dusted with icing sugar.

Use orange juice and grated orange zest in the batter, spread the hotcake with cream cheese, yoghurt or *crème fraîche* and spoon on some marmalade. Lemon zest and lemon curd can be used in the same way. Do not add lemon juice to the batter.

Next week: Baking and preserving for Christmas: the cake, pudding and mincemeat.

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HENRIETTA GREEN

Edited extract from Henrietta Green's Food Lover's Guide to Britain, *published by BBC Books (£9.99)*

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Seeds of national survival

Francesca Greenoak learns about wartime kitchen gardening

By coincidence, on the morning I went to see "The Wartime Kitchen and Garden" exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in Lambeth, south London, my children and I had been making dried apple rings, an activity featured in the exhibition and demonstrated in the accompanying BBC2 series of the same name. Drying apples in Britain during the second world war enabled families to go on enjoying apple puddings all year, when stored apples had run out.

In our family, we make them as an additional means of using windfalls, and because we find them delicious, they rarely last more than a day or two, which would not have done for the days of wartime austerity. However, drying apples is an example of how practices necessary during the war have found a new application in the present day.

Looking at the records and artefacts of the war years, I found the most inspiring were not the famous set pieces under the banner "Dig for Victory", such as parts of Hyde Park being turned into allotments, but ordinary back gardens. In narrow domestic patches throughout Britain, people dug up the flowers and planted vegetables.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM



Across Britain, wartime gardeners were urged to devote their land to food production

I was most touched by a garden journal, written in pencil in an exercise book, which showed the pleasure of the anonymous gardener in planting a Victoria plum tree "halfway up the garden", and spotting on a young pear tree "four lots of buds showing". In November 1943, she noted with pride, "still using our cauliflowers planted July 5 last".

Now we have access to an infinitely wider range of fruit and vegetables, but enthusiasm for home-grown produce is reviving. Potagers and kitchen gardens are fashionable in larger gardens, and there are waiting lists for allotments in the cities. Recent research, such as the Chinese-US study which showed how fresh fruit and vegetables can help to prevent cancers, coupled with the widespread increase in allergies and suspicion of pesticides, has made even reluctant gardeners recognise the worth of growing some of their own food.

Easily managed forms of fruit bushes and trees and disease-resistant strains of vegetable have made this kind of gardening pleasurable and easier for domestic gardeners.

It is unlikely that the most striking examples of the "Dig for Victory" campaign will be re-enacted, but there is certainly a move towards using school grounds more interestingly and productively. I have seen school herb, vegetable and period gardens, in the design and making of which primary-school gardeners have learnt maths, history and biology, as well as horticulture through practical experience.

Despite meticulous research, the exhibition and BBC programmes have a curiously detached air. Lives, as well as gardens, were violently dislocated as families were split up and displaced. Everybody had somebody to worry about. But working the soil, hard toil as it was, had a therapeutic effect.

It is no different today. Many people find solace in the garden from family strife and personal tragedy. Growing plants releases latent creative energies and forges affections across otherwise impassable barriers.

A neighbour of mine never forgot the wartime days, picking sprouts in the fields with freezing fingers, hoeing turnips at dawn and, as dusk deepened, cultivating her own garden. Towards the end of the war, the family had a German prisoner of war, who had been a farmer, to work for them and a lasting friendship grew between them.

● *The Wartime Kitchen and Garden exhibition, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ (071-416 5310), until May 2. The BBC series is on Fridays at 8.30am (until December 17), with an accompanying book by Jennifer Davies (BBC Books, £14.99).*

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Pick and store late-season apples.*
- *Plant bare-rooted trees and shrubs if the soil and weather conditions are not too harsh.*
- *Remove dead foliage from water plants (except for rushes and reeds).*
- *Renovate old apple and pear trees, taking out dead and diseased wood and reshaping to open up the framework.*
- *Check that the ties on climbing plants are secure and water plants sited close to a wall, where only torrential rain will reach them.*

Plant a tree and you might become a gardener for life

The first roots that make a gardener

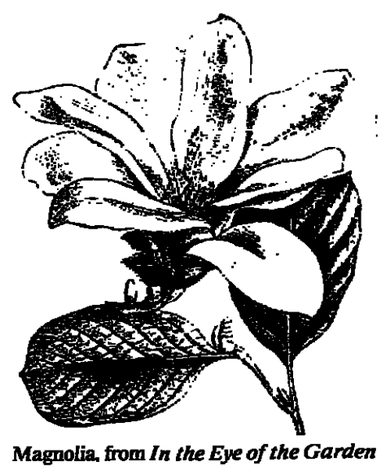
Planting is a form of hocus-pocus that turns out to be real. It satisfies a primeval urge to put into the earth something that one day will be manifestly different from what you are holding in your hand: a seed, a slip or an acorn. Scattered on barren or cultivated land, their potential invades the imagination. The mind's eye is vivid, it can visualise colour radiating through grassland, or more prosaically look forward to pulling up a dishful of radishes.

Trees are the lungs of the garden. Without them a garden gasps for breath. An established garden without one tree is a *bitter deprivation*: every gardener should feel beholden to plant at least one, however small the space, as a bequest to following generations.

John Evelyn, the 17th-century writer, garden designer and, most crucially, guardian of trees, came under the spell of French gardens on his travels in Europe. He translated French gardening works, brought the word "avenue" into our language, and had a critical and far-reaching effect on the silviculture of this country. Stephen Switzer, another writer and garden designer, who was much involved in the layout of Wray Wood at Castle Howard in Yorkshire, and a contemporary of Evelyn's, described him as the man who "first taught gardening to speak proper English".

But it was not acorns that had my late husband Michael and me springing on to the land on a sunny morning: it was planting trees. Trees were the beginning of our appropriation by the garden. At first we had only tentatively thought of gardening: we had land, we had a stream, we had alders meandering along it, so it was only natural to want to enhance the uneven land with a few trees and some shrub roses. Looking back, I cannot point to the exact day when we discovered that we had, unintentionally, made a garden. Without ambition or a speck of know-how, we had succumbed to the basic urge which makes anyone with land involuntarily think of planting.

The strategy of planting a tree or a shrub rose *is* profoundly satisfying. It is one of my favourite garden jobs, but it is easier with two than alone.



Magnolia, from *In the Eye of the Garden*

Now that I am making a garden on my own, the prospect does not excite me in quite the same way as it used to when Michael and I set out together to plant a tree. Forethought was the essential: the practicality of mentally going through the list of everything we were going to need before we trudged off to plant a tree, to say nothing of the dilemma over choosing the right site.

Trees of the kind we put in were going to grow tall. Unless we were realistic and thought of the height, branch span and density of foliage that one day this slender little 6ft stem was going to produce, in a few years we would be faced by the whole cumbersome business of transplanting the tree to a more suitable setting. It can be done, and we have done it. Often. In our early days, walnuts, maples and tulip trees went in with reckless abandon, only to be dug up later and transplanted.

Before we started, we needed two wheelbarrows: one for the earth we excavated, one for the stones we inevitably dug up; a stake, if it were necessary, with a suitable tie to *prevent chafing*: compost, leaf mould, friable earth or whatever nourishment we were going to lavish on the tree; a sharp knife to trim any roots that looked sickly or deviant; a fork, a spade; and the plant itself, which had been soaking in a bucket of water.

Then we could begin. The bit I liked was after we had dug the hole and measured its depth against the soil mark on the tree. While Michael held the stake and tree upright, I had the job of carefully unravelling the roots to ensure stability. It seemed such a sanguine task, spreading those life-giving threads on compost matured *months ago for just* this moment; covering the roots with soil while *Michael jiggled the tree gently* to settle them comfortably in place, and firming them in as we shovelled back the barrowload of earth. Stamping down the loose soil to the original level, tying the tree to the stake, and watering the ground were the last operations before finally standing back and trying to imagine that this unremarkable stick would one day turn into a whitebeam, whose half-opened leaves in spring look like the flowers of some glamorous magnolia.

MIRABEL OSLER

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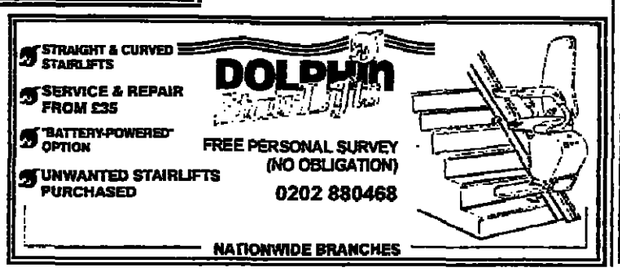




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A new generation of hams is tuning in to amateur radio and talking to passing astronauts, **Lynne Greenwood** listens in

Making friends across the ether

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Roy Smith (right), school licence holder, instructs Christopher Greenbank, 15, in the protocols of making radio contact at Rishworth School, Ripponden, West Yorkshire

Emma Constantine is better known to her friends around the country as Two Echo One Bravo Victor Juliet, abbreviated to 2E1BVJ. This is Emma's personal call sign when she identifies herself over the airwaves to fellow radio amateurs.

Emma, 12, and her brother Matthew, 14, belong to the new generation of radio hams, who bear no resemblance to the popular image of retired, pipe-smoking men disappearing into the garden shed or attic to "fiddle around with a radio". Both admit that their enthusiasm for radio was sparked by their father Richard, a self-confessed "radio freak". "We've got a photograph of my brother Matthew and me as babies with headphones on," she says.

Now they are members of the thriving Saturday morning radio club at Rishworth School, Ripponden, West Yorkshire, one of a growing number of schools appreciating the value — and the fun — of teaching youngsters about radio communication.

Emma joined when she was still in the junior school, studying for a year to obtain her amateur radio (novice) licence, introduced in 1991 to encourage young people in particular to take an interest in radio.

Issued by the Radiocommunications Agency, which comes under the Department of Trade and Industry, it enables amateurs to use a wide variety of frequency bands, allowing regular contacts locally and occasional ones at longer range, sometimes over hundreds of miles.

"You can put a call out to anyone who is listening," says Emma. "I've spoken to people in London and Goole, in Humberside, and different parts of the country with my own licence. My dad talks to people all over the world.

"If you contact a stranger, you tell them who you are, where you're calling from and have a chat. But if it's someone you know, you just have a normal conversation."

Tim Munn, 15, 1993's Young Radio Amateur of the Year, was responsible for his family's interest in amateur radio. "I first got interested when I was ten. My mum was a Brownie leader at the time and the Guides were holding a 'thinking day on the air'. I liked the sound of it so I contacted my local Radio Society club," says Tim, call sign G70TO, a fourth-year pupil at Sandown High School on the Isle of Wight.

Tim's father Paul soon caught the bug, and the two studied for and passed the full-licence exams together earlier this year. Now Tim's mother Sheila and younger sister Kirsty, 13, are studying for their novice licences.

Tim restarted his school radio club, which had folded ten years earlier, and became one of the youngest Radio Society of Great Britain novice instructors at 14, to enable him to teach other club members.

"At home I've got all my radio equipment in the loft," he says. "From there I've made contact with people in Australia and New Zealand, and it's a real thrill. I've even spoken to people at the British Geological Survey base in Antarctica at a Scouts' jamboree."



Emma Constantine — Two Echo One Bravo Victor Juliet

There are more than two million radio amateurs of all ages worldwide, 600,000 of them in the United Kingdom. Although called "amateurs", the enthusiasts are qualified radio operators who have passed a City and Guilds examination in radio theory and practice which allows them to hold a transmitting licence, issued by the Radiocommunications Agency.

Royal holders of amateur licences include King Juan Carlos of Spain and King Husain of Jordan, who operates his personal amateur radio station from the royal palace.

Amateur radio is also a regular feature of life in space. Orbiting American and Russian astronauts talk to their friends on earth, using their personal radio call signs and VHF radio on the same wavebands that are used by amateurs.

Students at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, became the first pupils to talk to Helen Sharman, the first Briton in space, on the Mir space station. They achieved another first in April when they managed to have a direct colour-television link to the space shuttle *Discovery*, as well as two-way voice contact with the astronauts during two orbits.

For novices, there is a wide range of low-cost equipment, including construction kits and second-hand equipment, available through clubs and amateur rallies.

Packet radio, in which amateurs communicate using a computer keyboard instead of the voice or morse, is also attracting more young people. By connecting a transceiver to a home computer, radio hams can send and receive messages from around the world. During one two-hour session at Rishworth's radio club, John Vinters, 18, coolly collected a message from New York City.

One of the first principles of amateur radio is to learn how to listen, mastering the art of tuning in to the amateur bands. Many enthusiasts are happy to remain as short-wave listeners, monitoring signals from stations around the world, detailing them in their station log.

For those who want to move on, the novice licence, awarded after multiple-choice examinations, is an ideal start. It gives the holder permission to install speech transmitting equipment and to use some sections of the VHF amateur bands.

Paul Hewitt, call sign GONUE, headmaster of Tetney Primary School near Grimsby, Lincolnshire, teaches his children at the school's radio club how to listen. "I train them to listen, to be patient and polite," he says.

The club's licence entitles the children, under supervision, to contact other amateurs within the UK. He believes the skills developed with the use of radio complement the national curriculum in areas such as geography, maths, science and languages, as well as promoting the social skills of developing relationships with adults, an awareness of cultural and social differences and an international understanding.

"I thought that what would excite the children would be the idea of talking to someone across the world," says Mr Hewitt. "But they are quite happy chatting to a person a couple of miles down the road.

"There is still a sense of wonder that their voices are travelling between two places without any wires. It's magic to them."

● *For more information, contact Radio Society of Great Britain, Lambda House, Cranborne Road, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3JE (0707 59015).*

Events

LONDON

☐ **Live crafts show:** Leading craftsmen and women demonstrate their arts. Also, hands-on workshops. *Crystal Palace Park, SE19 (081-778 9612). Today and tomorrow, 10am-5pm. £2.65, child 95p, family ticket (two adults and two children) £6.75.*

☐ **International Exhibition of Early Music.** Display of valuable medieval, renaissance and baroque instruments. Recitals. *Royal Horticultural Society's Hall, Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, SW1 (0274 393753). Today, 10am-6.30pm; tomorrow, 10am-5pm. £6, concessions £4.*

☐ **Victorian Child Exhibition:** Hands-on displays about childhood long ago. *Gunnersbury Park Museum, W3 8LQ (081-992 1612). Today and tomorrow, 1-4pm. Free.*

NATIONWIDE

☐ **Bristol:** Imginative activities, including a walk-on model of the Clifton suspension bridge. *Exploratory Hands-on Science Centre, Bristol (0272 252008). Today and tomorrow, 10am-5pm. £4, child £2.50, under-fives free.*

☐ **Hampshire:** More than 200 banger cars racing. *Mitcham Leisure Park, Hurn Road, near Ringwood (0425 473305). Today, 6pm. £5, child £2.*

☐ **Lancashire:** Exhibition, quizzes, games and character dressing-up box. *The Harris and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston (0772 258248). Today, 10am-5pm. Free.*

☐ **Merseyside:** Learn the art of cartoon making. *Animation World, Britannia Pavilion, Albert Dock (051-707 1828). Today and tomorrow, 10am-6pm. £3, child £2.50.*

☐ **Shropshire:** See a re-created Victorian town. *Ironbridge Gorge Museum, Telford (0952 433522). Today and tomorrow, 10am-4 pm. £5.50, child £3.70.*

☐ **Surrey:** Dickensian Christmas craft fair. *Thorpe Road, Chertsey (0344 874787). Today and tomorrow, 10am-6pm. £2.50, child £1.*

☐ **Gwent:** Exhibition of Christmas with Victorian cards, carol sheets, toys and games etc. *Chepstow Museum, Bridge Street, Chepstow (0291 625981). Today, 11am-1pm and 2-5pm; tomorrow, 2-5pm). £1, accompanied children free.*

JANE BIDDER

London's antique authority

Sarah Jane Checkland trawls the transatlantic art market

PREVIEWS

☐ London consolidates its position as Europe's art market capital with two ambitious antiques fairs this week. Yesterday saw the start of the Harrods fair, which follows an initiative by the store's chairman Mohamed al-Fayed. The prize exhibit among 84 stands is a painting by Pieter Brueghel the younger depicting more than 100 proverbs, yours for £1 million at the Johnny van Haeften stand.

☐ Less flush browsers may prefer the antiques fair at **Olympia** from Wednesday, where 190 dealers will offer quality and quantity.

☐ Royalty is the theme in Geneva, where, on Thursday, **Christie's** will sell the Archduke Joseph diamond, once owned by the Archduke Joseph of Austria and estimated at £1.5 million, as well as icons and Fabergé treasures from the collection of Prince Nicholas of Russia, second cousin once removed of the last Tsar. **Sotheby's** counters on Wednesday with a rare pear-shaped diamond which was given to Queen Charlotte, consort of George III, in 1777 by the Nawab of Arcot. The so-called "Arcot No. 1" is estimated at more than £800,000.

☐ The smart people's dealer, **Agnews**, goes populist with an exhibition of works priced at £2,000 and under, including lithographs by the late Dame Elizabeth Frink (£900) and Graham Sutherland (£1,000). Watercolours include a jolly depiction of a marketplace by Thomas Rowlandson (£750).

☐ Loyal Londoners may be interested in a collection of 3,000 books on London, gathered over a lifetime by the late engineer Geoffrey Gollin and due for dispersal at **Sotheby's** on Thursday. Highlights include Rowlandson's records of street vendors and their cries, as well as a selection of glorious panoramas, both real and imaginary.



Jewelled parasol handle by Fabergé on sale in Geneva

REVIEWS

☐ Impressionist paintings tend to set the pace for the rest of the art market, so there was cheer following good results at a series of auctions in New York. At Christie's, for example, 18 works fetched more than $1 million. The list included a Degas image of ballerinas at $7 million (£4.7 million) and a Kandinsky landscape at $2.7 million. Many buyers were European collectors.

☐ Sex has been in demand in the salerooms. An unpublished photograph of Marilyn Monroe looking natural and happy in a denim jacket sold for £3,850 at **Bonhams**, while another image of the star blowing a kiss sold to an avid fan, Peter Rice, for £2,420. They featured at an auction of 35 images of the star from the studio of the international photographer Eve Arnold.

☐ At Christie's a painting entitled "Through the keyhole", and showing a girl in a chastity belt provocatively brandishing the key, fetched £17,250 pounds. The artist was Raphael Kirchner, Viennese turn-of-the-century illustrator and master of the risqué.

☐ Musical instruments performed well in London. A Stradivarius violin sold at **Phillips** for £363,000 (estimate £150,000-250,000), sadly to a collector rather than a player. At **Sotheby's** a mid 19th-century violin by the maker Giuseppe Rocca fetched £82,900, thereby financing the private education of the late owner's grandchildren. Apparently he had originally invested £330 pounds in it 40 years ago for this purpose. There was also a record for a violin by a living maker at Sotheby's, when a replica of a Stradivarius by the Michigan craftsmen Gregg Alf and Joseph Curtin sold for £21,850. The previous record had been £11,500.

☐ At first there appeared to be no buyers for the smallest violin in the world, also at **Sotheby's**. It was later bought for £2,500 by Peter Troy of Jersey, owner of Micro World, a museum devoted to tiny objects. The fiddle will now go on show beside the "birds' nest carved on a piece of hair" and "Tower Bridge carved in the eye of a needle".

☐ In London, a 4ft-high vase set a record for the Minton factory when it fetched £66,000 at **Bonham's** bicentenary sale.

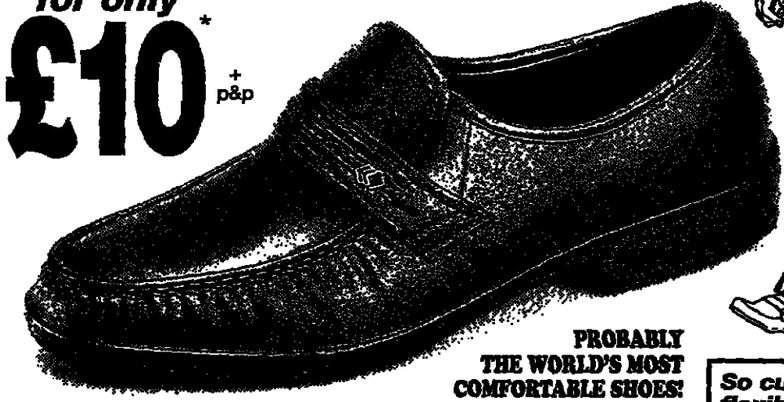
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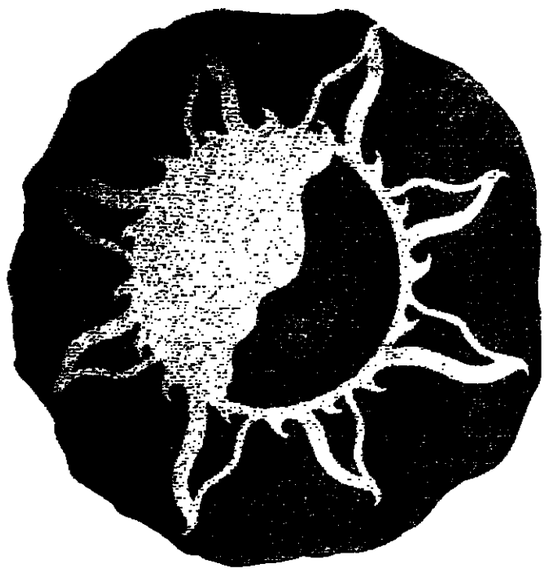
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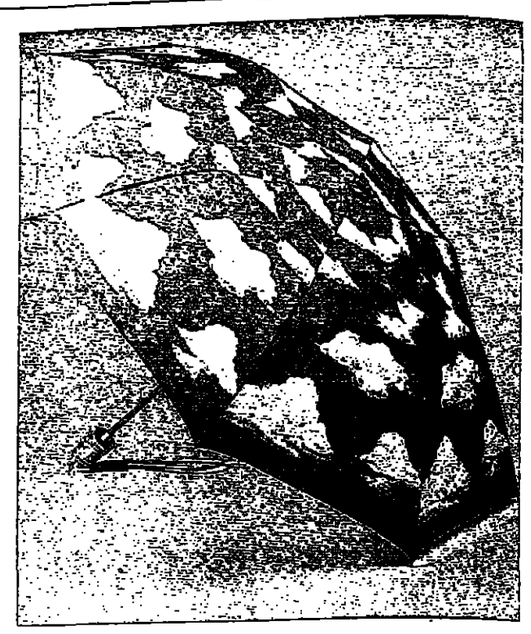
There is no need to tear your hair out in a last-minute scramble for that elusive gift for granny. **Nicole Swengley** advises putting your feet up with a cup

Get your Christmas presents wrapped up



Stress-free Christmas shopping calls for early perusal of the mail-order catalogues. Ordering in good time from the comfort of an armchair is the best way to avoid last-minute panic buying and saves time, temper and money spent on car parking or travelling to the shops. This year's clutch of charity and non-charity catalogues presents a wider and more discerning variety than previously. With care it is possible to pick attractive presents for family and friends that offer good value, even with the additional postage and packing costs. By ordering several presents from one catalogue, or combining your order with a friend's (provided that all goods are delivered to one address), you can spread the cost of postal charges, which now average £3 for orders up to about £50.

Buying gift vouchers is an even simpler way of buying and sending presents by post—and these need not stop at wine, compact disc or book vouchers. Giving an "experience", such as a llama trek or a relaxing float, will ensure that your gift is enjoyed long beyond Christmas day.



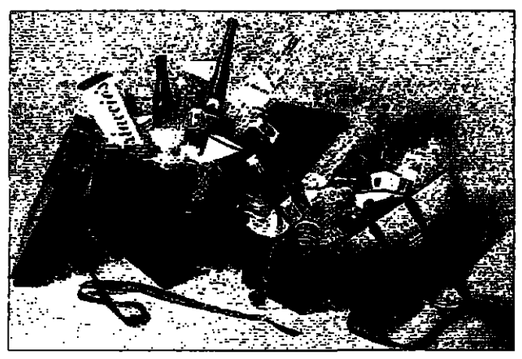
Rain-beater (above): World Wide Fund for Nature's telescopic umbrella with wooden handle. £11.99 plus £3.25 p.&p. from WWF UK Ltd, PO Box 49, Burton upon Trent DE14 3LQ (0283 510344).

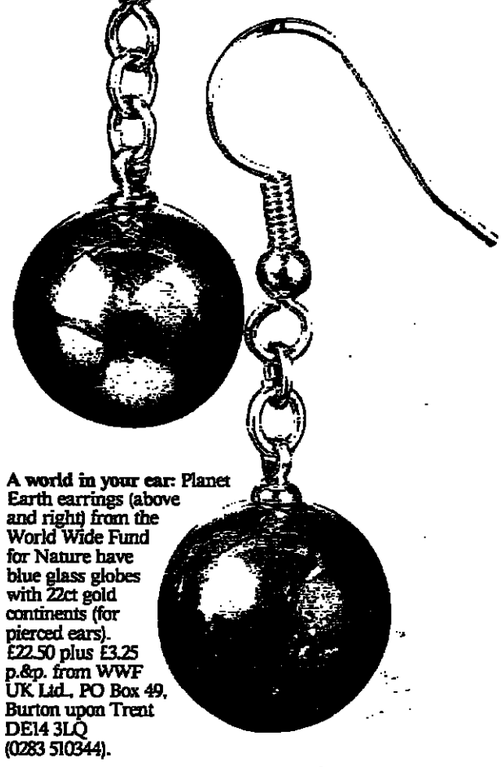
Bath-time booty: Try hangover-free Hot Toddy Bubble Bath (right), £6.70, or Brandy Bath, £6.80 (p.&p. free). Cosmetics To Go, 291/2 High Street, Poole, Dorset BH15 1AB (freephone 0800 373366, fax 0202 680594).



Conjure up ideas... with two hardback books (left) containing Victorian parlour games. Conjuring Tricks and Fortune Telling are both £4.95 plus £3.25 p.&p. from Victoria & Albert Museum catalogue, V&A Treasury, Freepost SU361, Dept 5316, Hendon Road, Sunderland SR9 9AD (091-514 2999).

Deli delicious (right): Carluccio's, the Italian food specialists, will suggest ideas for hampers, baskets or boxes according to your budget and will wrap and deliver within London for a small extra fee. Products include natural wild jams, Italian cakes, speciality chocolates and aged vinegars. Details from Carluccio's, 28a Neal Street, London WC2H 9PS (071-240 1487, fax 071-497 1361).





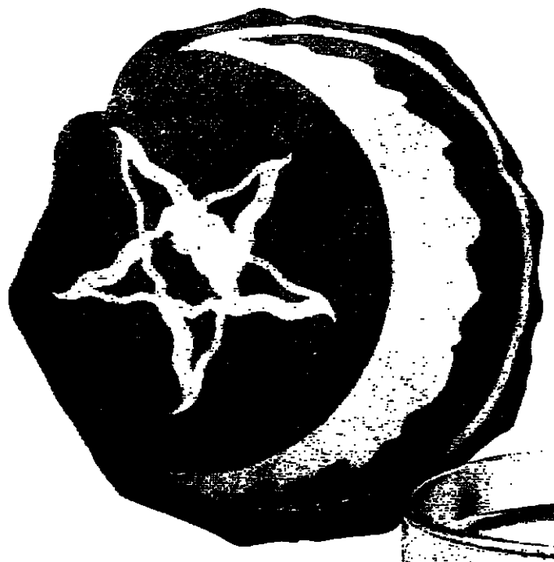
A world in your ear: Planet Earth earrings (above and right) from the World Wide Fund for Nature have blue glass globes with 22ct gold continents (for pierced ears). £22.50 plus £3.25 p.&p. from WWF UK Ltd., PO Box 49, Burton upon Trent DE14 3LQ (0283 510344).

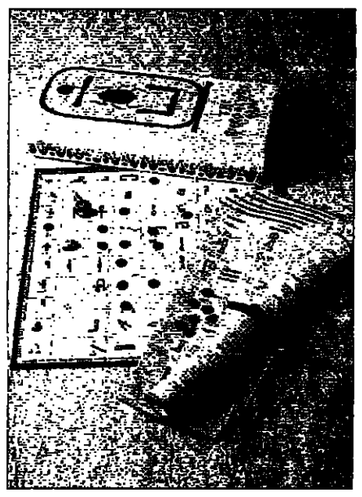
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Stress-beater: Floating in a tank full of warm water and Epsom salts is an effective ways to achieve instant relaxation. £20 voucher available from the South London Natural Health Centre, 7a Clapham Common South side, London SW4 (071-720 8817). Or send for a list of country-wide centres (which offer gift vouchers) from Flotation Tank Association, PO Box 168, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 5TY (0923 285868).

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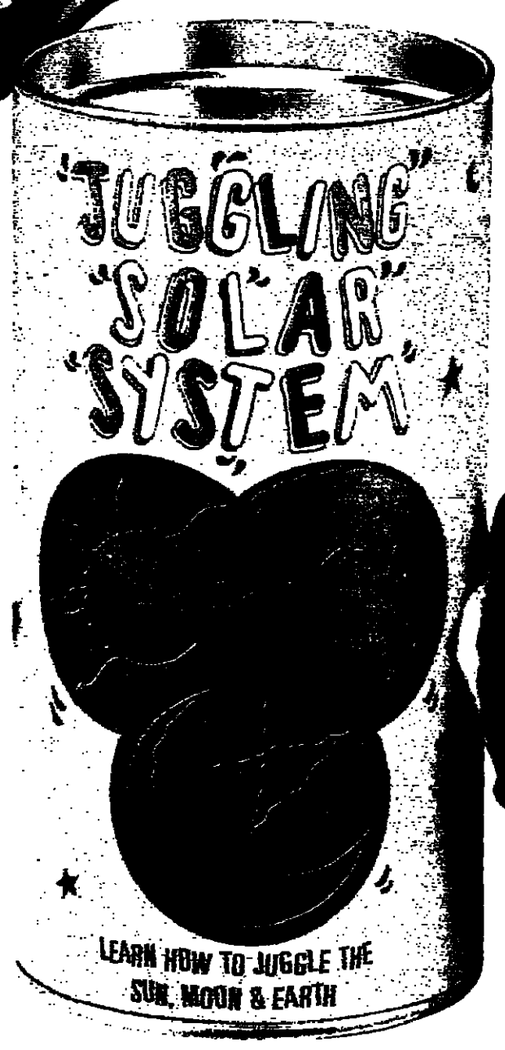
Hieroglyphs game (left): Based on collections at Oxford's Ashmolean Museum, for 2-4 players aged 8-88. Aim: to complete hieroglyph words while blocking opponents. Includes board, dice, scarab, six sheets with 192 words, rules, historical notes. £9.95 plus £2.95 p.&p. from Past Times, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 6BH (0993 779444, fax 0993 700749).



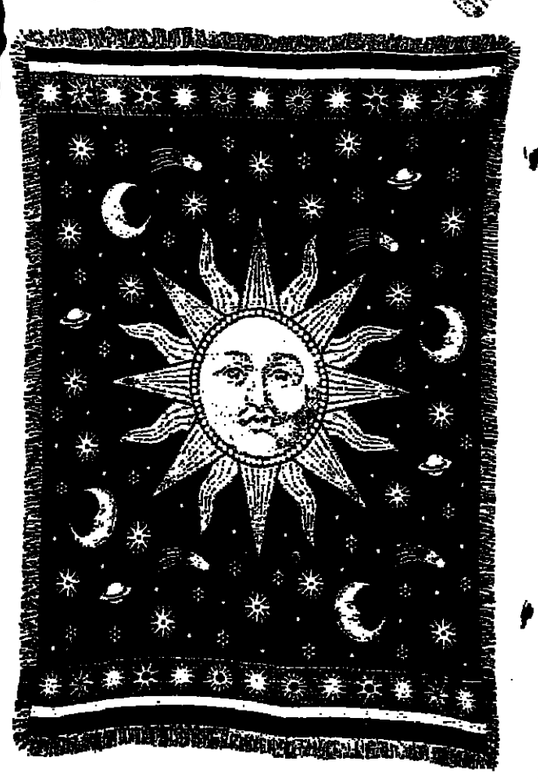
Book stamp (left): Rubber stamp with a design from a William Morris border decoration reading "This Book Belongs to..." Wooden handle. Bookplate stamp £8.95, black ink pad £3.95, plus £2.95 p.&p. from Past Times, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 6BH (0993 779444, fax 0993 700749).

Feline fun (right): Wooden director's chair with screen-printed cotton canvas back and seat. 34in x 20in wide x 16in deep. £39.95 plus £3.25 p.&p. from Oxfam Trading, PO Box 72, Bicester, Oxon OX6 7LT (0869 245011).









Learn to juggle... with the solar system. Three blue and gold soft balls with sun, moon and earth designs in 7in tin with instructions (above). £8.99 plus £3.35 p.&p.. Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Freepost, PO Box 48, Burton upon Trent DE14 1BR (0283 510111).

FOR CHILDREN

Track back... with an informative Family Tree Kit which puts a historical perspective on the task of charting your family's origins. £15.95 plus £3.25 p.&p. from Victoria & Albert Museum catalogue, V&A Treasury, Freepost SU361, Dept 5316, Hendon Road, Sunderland SR9 9AD.

Quick snap: Make the camera, take pictures and print your own photographs with the Pinhole Photography Kit. £16.95 plus £3.25 p.&p. from the Brainwaves catalogue in aid of Childline. Brainwaves, Freepost SU361, Dept 5317, Hendon Road, Sunderland SR9 9AD (091-514 4666).

Strategic skyscrapers: Manhattan 3-D dominoes let you build upwards or sideways. 42 black pieces with yellow window shapes. £5.99 plus £3.25 p.&p. from World Wide Fund for Nature catalogue, PO Box 49, Burton upon Trent DE14 3LQ (0283 510344).

Animal crackers: Wooden jigsaw puzzles, hand-made in Britain, feature cute animal pieces. Shelter House (12 pieces) is suitable for age three-plus. Farmyard Party (20 pieces) is for age five-plus. £9.95 each plus £2.90 p.&p. Shelter Trading Ltd, J. Arthur Dixon, Freepost, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5QW (0983 821303).

Biology lesson: Bones book teaches children about their bodies while a kit helps them to construct a 1ft tall plastic skeleton. Comes in a plastic presentation dome for displaying finished skeleton. £12.99 plus £2.75 p.&p. from Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, London WC2H 9PU (071-240 0135).

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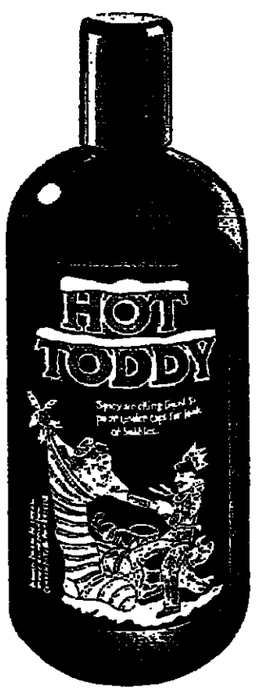


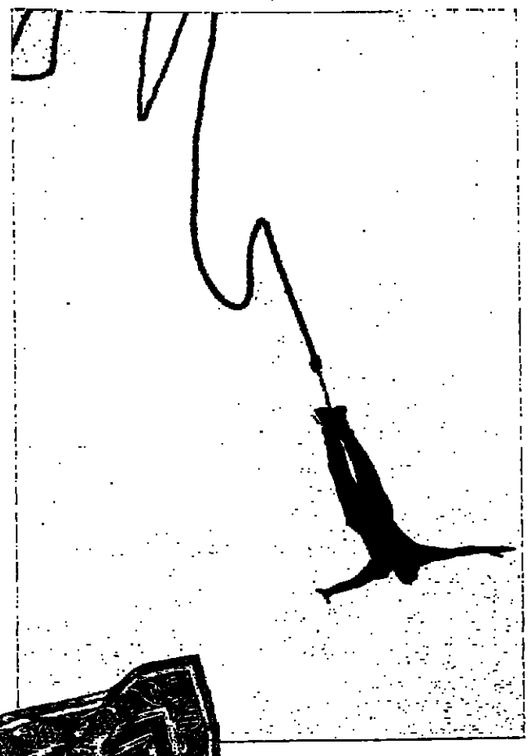
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of tea for a bit of leisurely armchair shopping with this year's mail-order catalogues, where the selection is wider and more discerning than ever





Stylish silk (right): Chinoiserie silk waistcoat with hand-printed design inspired by the music-room mural in Brighton's Royal Pavilion. Sizes S (39in), M (42in), L (44in), XL (48in). £59.95 (p.&p. free) from Past Times, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 6BH (0993 779444, fax 0993 700749).





FOR HIM

Beady look: Couture silk or cotton ties with individually hand-beaded designs such as stars or flowers. Cotton £21, silk from £23-45, plus £1 p.&p. each, from Henrietta Bathurst, 46 Elm Park Mansions, Park Walk, London SW10 0AW (071-376 4367).

Sneeze notes: Fine lawn cotton handkerchiefs, 20in square, with original scores of Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* or a J.S.Bach violin concerto, £7.95 each or both for £14.95 plus £2.95 p.&p., from Past Times, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 6BH (0993 779444, fax 0993 700749).

Target practice: A £75 gift voucher buys an hour's clay pigeon shooting for two people at Holland & Holland's West London shooting school, Ducks Hill Road, Northwood, Middlesex (0923 825349).

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Turn of speed: An open track day at Jim Russell's Racing Drivers' School at Donington Park, at the wheel of single-seater and saloon racers, makes a memorable gift. £225 from Jim Russell Racing Drivers' School, Donington Circuit, Castle Donington, Derby DE7 2RP (0332 811430).

Buy a new experience... like a day's llama trekking on the South Downs (£25), bungee jumping (above, £49), or motor bike racing (£99). Vouchers for these and others from Red Letter Days, Melville House, 8-12 Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, London N12 0RG (081-343 8822).

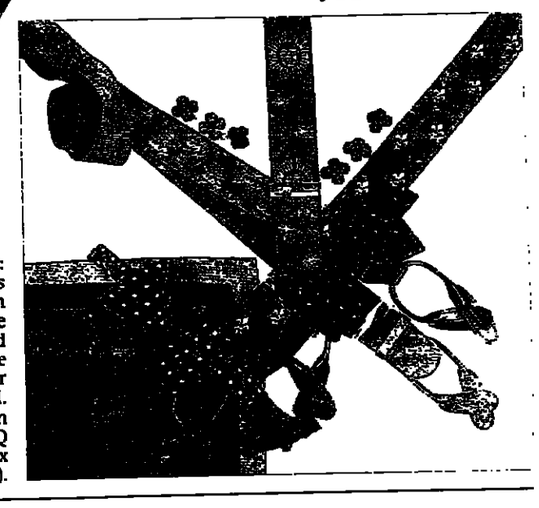


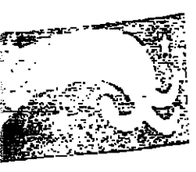
Square silk (above): Pure silk hand-printed scarf with design based on the illuminated Cross Carpet page of the Lindisfarne Gospels. 30in square. £26.50 plus £2.95 p.&p. from Past Times, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 6BH (0993 779444, fax 0993 700749).



Big breakfast (left): Over-sized earthenware cup and saucer, designed by Emma Bridgewater, with black lettering. £14.95 plus £3.25 p.&p. from Victoria & Albert Museum Catalogue, V&A Treasury, Freepost SU361, Dept 5316, Hendon Road, Sunderland SR9 9AD (091-514 2999).

Bold braces (right): Assortment of designs including red and gold sun motif £39.50, black and white frogs motif £29.50, red and silver fleur-de-lis £29.50, blue and gold moons, £39.50 a pair plus £3 p.&p., from T.M. Lewin & Sons, 106 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6EQ (071-839 1664, fax 071-839 7791).







FOR THE HOME

Mud-slinger: Cast-iron boot scraper with duck design can be hammered into the ground or set in concrete. 13in x 9in. £9.99 plus £3.35 p.&p. from Save the Children Catalogue, SCF Trading Dept, PO Box 40, Burton upon Trent, Staffs DE14 3LQ (0283 510111).

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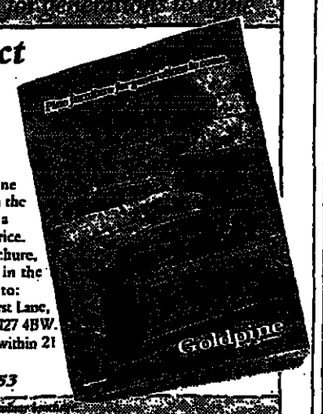
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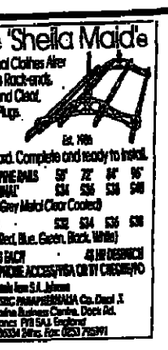
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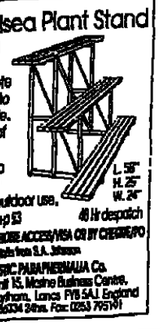
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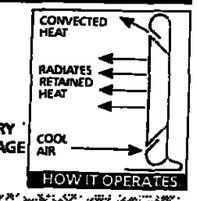
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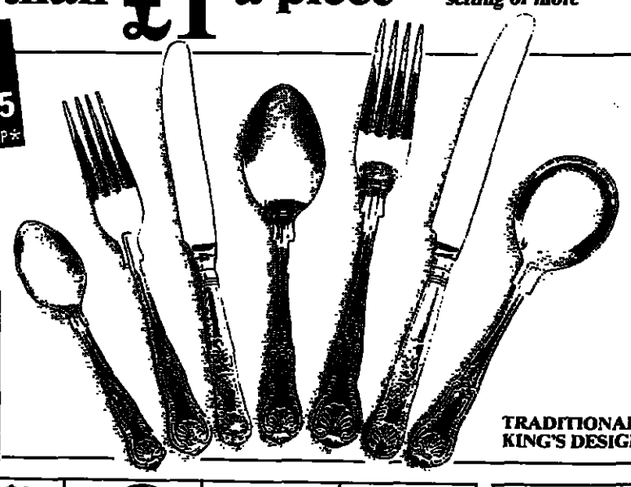
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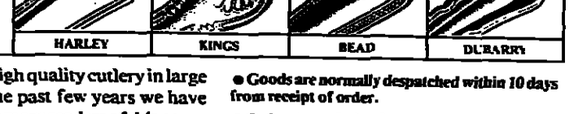
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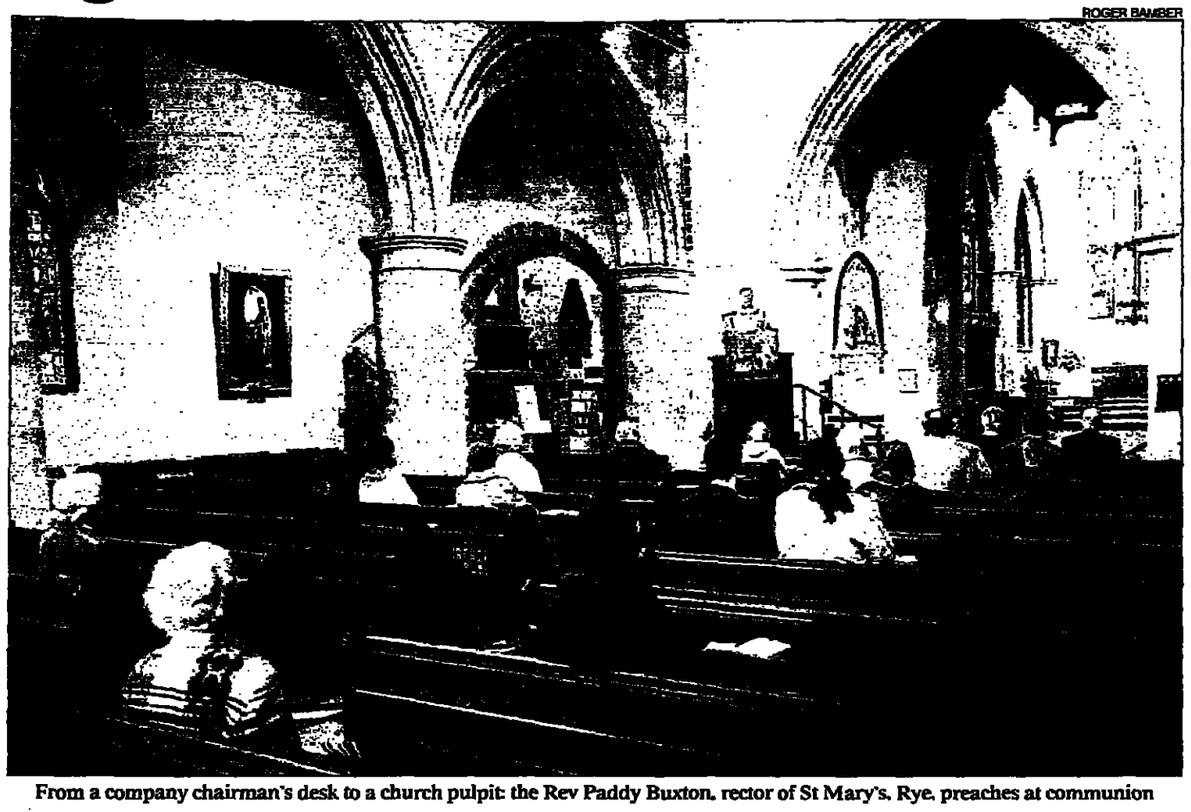
WALKING through the deserted cobbled streets of Rye for 8 o'clock communion at St Mary's, it was difficult not to feel that every step was being observed by the devious Miss Elizabeth Mapp of Tilling, the place name given to the Sussex town by the novelist E.F. Benson, one-time mayor of Rye and son of Archbishop Benson.

Passing by lace-curtained windows up the hill dominated by the stone and flint church, I felt Miss Mapps would have smirked that the 8 o'clock communion is popular with many Anglicans because in most churches it lasts only half an hour, has no hymns, no sermon, and allows them to take their weekly sacrament while leaving the rest of the day free for secular entertainments — doubly enjoyable after righteous attendance at church when most are still in bed.

At St Mary's, however, I was surprised to find that the congregation has requested a weekly sermon from the vicar, an indication perhaps that the town still merits its ancient reputation as a model puritan community.

Women outnumbered the men at the service, as is normal in many Anglican parish churches. Most were retired, or the wives of retired professionals, or descended from the smugglers, fishermen and shopkeepers who have populated the town for 900 years. They sat one or two to a pew, numbers down on the usual 30, with only the stalwarts fit enough to venture out so early after their exertions at the parish barn dance the night before. Judy Brown, a doctor's wife, who stood out in the front pew as particularly bright-eyed, is a former Kent golf champion, and was due on the links at 9am.

The vicar, the Rev Paddy Buxton, is a late ordinand and a former group chairman of Duracell Europe. His management skills have found a fruitful outlet in balancing the needs of his different congregations at St Mary's. Differences over matters such as the positioning of the altar have been put to the vote. The congregation at the main service, which averages 180 people, and uses the modern liturgy from the Anglican Alternative Service Book, voted three to one for a mobile altar to be moved into the crossing between the nave and chancel. The more traditionalist 8 o'clock congregation, which has opted for the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, voted three to one that communion should be celebrated and taken at the high altar in the sanctuary beyond the chancel.



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From a company chairman's desk to a church pulpit: the Rev Paddy Buxton, rector of St Mary's, Rye, preaches at communion

At St Mary's, known locally as "the cathedral on the marsh" because of its size, the high altar is 20 yards from the nave and, although Mr Buxton used a microphone, he and his assistant, Edwin Gibson, a church warden, seemed mere specks, the rector's voice a disembodied echo from afar.

The service began with announcements and proceeded through a shortened version of the communion service in the Prayer Book, a liturgy that seemed luxuriantly at home in this 12th-century structure, used to store gunpowder to be used against the Armada during the reaign of Elizabeth I. "Put on the whole armour of God," we heard from the epistle to the Ephesians. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world."

After the gospel and the Creed, there was silence as the congregation awaited the sermon. Mr Buxton began his long journey from the altar to the pulpit at the end of the nave. His footsteps echoed around the church as he progressed on his brisk but seemingly endless walk through the chancel, choir and crossing. Mr Buxton, a "catholic evangelical" who supports women priests, a rarity in the Chichester diocese, preached on St John's description of Christ's healing of the nobleman's son at Capernaum.

With only ten minutes to go before the end of the service, Mr Buxton disappeared back into the distance for the confession. "We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed," we said, heads bowed and kneeling humbly. "The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable."

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vices & VIRTUES

Pride: *I feel particularly proud this week, obviously. Is that close to being arrogant? I don't think so, but I can see how it can be. Pride is a new one — I've developed it this week.*

Wrath: *I am bad-tempered old bag and I came wrathful from the womb. Wrath divides into two types. There's state-of-the-nation stuff, which you can't do anything about, of course, so it's a bit of a waste of time. The second type is petulance and tantrums, which I do indulge in. I spent most of my early childhood trying to kill my brother.*

Sloth: *This is strange in novelists, I suppose, but I do like slobbing out in front of the television watching Home and Away, although it would be a sad day if that was my inspiration. I don't really enjoy being slothful — I want to do nothing, but I feel guilty for doing nothing.*



RACHEL CUSK
Novelist

Avarice: *Maybe avarice is a vice I should develop. It might end in me being richer. If I bet on myself for Book of the Year, I could make £9,000.*

Envy: *I'm not a jealous person. I know that sounds very worthy, but part of being a writer is loving books. If someone writes a good book, I can't be jealous. I'm just glad the book exists.*

Gluttony: *I don't like talking about this. I feel strongly that women are beaten over the head by the whole food thing. Even if I were a glutton, I would not list it.*

Lust *is the bottom of list, ironically, perhaps, as I've just played a cameo role in a BBC film about lust written by Alan Jenkins. If lust is uncontrollable desire, then I am not guilty. I control it, I never allow myself to be derailed by it. Anyway, I save all my lust for one person.*

Faith: *I have lots of faith in myself and my friends. I have an odd belief that people will be rewarded and that nothing is ever wasted. It's important to have faith. I was brought up as a Catholic and I do go to church, sometimes. But I go when I feel unhappy, when I need a hard-core intravenous injection of religion. When I'm happy I go to church less often. To rejoice in things as you see them, that's a stronger kind of faith.*

Fortitude: *People do not credit themselves enough for being able to get up every morning. That requires fortitude. To continue to do things that you don't get approval for, to keep doing it when you know it is right. The times I have done that have been worthwhile.*

Justice: *I'd like this to be top of my list but it's not. It would be if I felt I had the capacity to administer justice, but only the powerful have this capacity. I think I have a sense of fair play. I didn't have it when I was younger. I don't think a sense of justice is inbred, you develop it.*

Hope: *There's nothing wrong with hope as long as it doesn't become expectation. That sounds a bit airy-fairy, doesn't it?*

Charity: *I'm a soft touch. I give to charity, but charity also means love and giving people the benefit of the doubt, not being suspicious, which I am.*

Prudence *is a song by the Beatles. That's about all I know. I'm not prudent, but I'm trying.*

Temperance: *I'm temperate in that I don't drink too much, but I don't rate it highly as a virtue — it should be a vice.*

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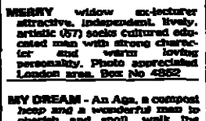
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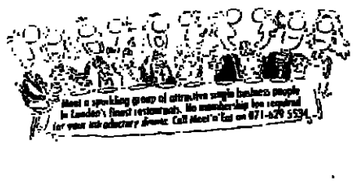
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Charity cards are a simple way to extend a little Christmas cheer to good causes. **Nicole Swengley** probes some celebrity choices



Stephen Bayley
Art historian

THIS is the 150th anniversary of the Christmas card, and a melancholy one. There can be few measures so cruelly accurate in their tracking of national depravity in taste as the litter of sentimental imagery, debased heritage symbolism and slack-jawed, wide-eyed, ignorant vulgarity which comes our way at this time of year. I don't know which ones I find more depressing — ruddy Dickensian urchins or oedematous Santas. It's no wonder that the only recourse for the aesthetically fastidious is either to refuse to send them in the first place or to take refuge in the purity of fine art. I usually buy mine from galleries. The one I like is Raphael's putti (right) from the Sistine Madonna, which I have seen in the Marie Curie Cancer Care and Save the Children Christmas catalogues this year.







Una-Mary Parker
Novelist

I NORMALLY send charity cards with a few words inside, but only to close friends. I don't use Christmas cards as a business gesture.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution's catalogue is new to me this year, and I think the four cards showing Christmas shopping a hundred years ago (above) are charming. They're reproduced from paintings by John Strickland Goodall, and sum up romantic Christmases of the past in a fantasy way, which is how most of us would probably like to think of them.

Season's charitable greetings





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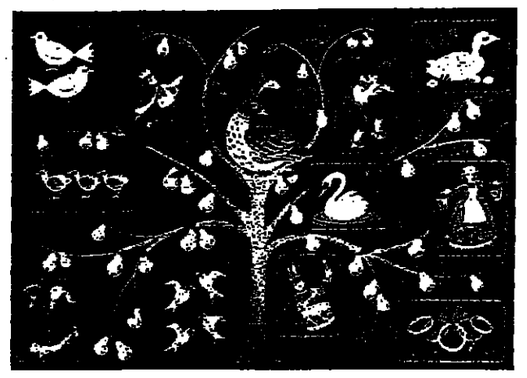
I THINK Christmas cards should, in some way at least, reflect the festive season. A lion in an African game reserve does not conjure up the Christmas spirit or flavour. A joyous and happy occasion should be acknowledged by a card that makes the recipient smile. Many cards selected by charities this year leave me cold. My favourite is a card I sent a couple of years ago of *The Rev. Robert Walker Skating* (left), a painting by Sir Henry Raeburn, 1756-1823, in the National Gallery of Scotland. The expression on his face is wonderful.



Rosemary Verey
Gardener

I AM old-fashioned and love Christmas cards which tell of the Nativity. Botticelli's *Mystic Nativity* (right), painted in about 1500 and reproduced by the National Gallery, is my choice for 1993. I bought mine locally at the Coln Gallery in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. When you open your card and look at this picture, first pause a while to embrace the friend who sent it to you, then ponder the detail in the picture. It is as relevant today as it was 500 years ago. Every figure, except the holy family, carries an olive branch — the symbol of peace. We must all think of the future as a positive, peaceful way of life.







Gyles Brandreth MP

THIS year, the Save the Children catalogue was the one that caught my eye. As a teddy-bear enthusiast (and founder of the National Teddy Bear Museum in Stratford-on-Avon), I was specially charmed by the bears in "Me and My Mistletoe" (below), which also represents excellent value for money at £1.75 for ten cards.

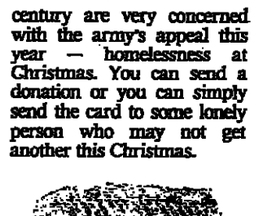
It is worth remembering that Christmas is a Christian festival, and I think the card that appeals to me most is "Alleluia" from the same catalogue. The design is by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and comes from a fabulous tapestry that can be seen at the Harris Museum and Art Gallery in Preston, Lancashire.



Bryan Gould MP

CHRISTMAS cards should be about Christmas. On the other hand, rather than emphasise the religious nature of the festival (which may not mean the same to everybody), it should reflect the fact that it is a celebration. This is why my favourite card is one from Save the Children entitled "Twelve Days of Christmas" (above). I also like its formality and colour.

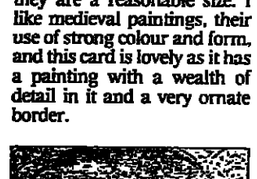






Sue Carpenter
Presenter of Anglia Tonight

FROM all the catalogues that I've thumbed through, my favourite card has a picture taken from a medieval Book of Hours (below). It is for the charity, Sight Savers. At 48p each they are not cheap, but they are a reasonable size. I like medieval paintings, their use of strong colour and form, and this card is lovely as it has a painting with a wealth of detail in it and a very ornate border.



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These nationwide outlets are organised by Cards for Good Causes and Card Aid, although others may be set up locally by churches or libraries. Mail order is a useful service if you do not have time to shop.

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Rural idylls no longer come cheap, but **Margaret Buntrock** finds areas that still offer a bargain

Affordable bucolic dreams





Top row, from left: Saltfleetby, Louth, Lincolnshire, £169,000; Bresby, Spalding, Lincolnshire, £135,000; The Manor, Thornton Curtis, South Humberside, £225,000. Second row: The Chapel, Porth Kea, Cornwall, £50,000; Missions Cottage, Blackmore End, Essex, £135,000; Tudor Cottage, Little Horkesley, Essex, £120,000

Before the start of the property slump five years ago, you could sell a modest house in the London suburbs and with the proceeds buy a home in the country, perhaps an impressive period gem with a couple of acres, and have money left in the bank.

The quest for the country-house lifestyle is more intense than ever, but the ways to achieve it have changed. As the property market recovers hesitantly from its collapse, price differentials around the country have altered.

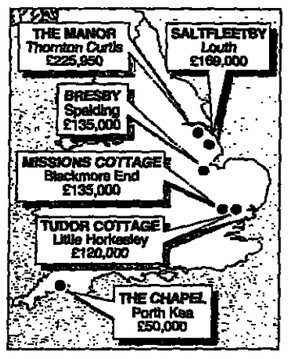
Prices have fallen most sharply in the southeast. Those in other parts of the country, which rose less sharply during the boom years, have withstood the recession better.

A key factor has been the advance in communications technology, which has allowed many government departments (such as HM Customs & Excise), large companies (including British Airways, BT and TSB) and self-employed professionals to relocate from the capital. Now, cute cottages and rambling rectories are snapped up by local high-earners.

It used to be the rule that the further you moved from London the cheaper housing became. Now, says the Halifax building society, houses can cost more in parts of northern England and Scotland than in some of the southern counties: Lothian is dearer than East Sussex, North Yorkshire costlier than Wiltshire. Certain shires (notably "royal" Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Cheshire) have become fiercely fashionable.

Buyers wishing to take maximum advantage of any remaining regional price variations by pursuing the rural dream need to do their homework first. According to the Halifax, the cheapest houses in England are in Lincolnshire, which is mainly agricultural and has plenty of attractive rural properties at low prices. Larger homes offer the best value. Brogdens, the Lincoln estate agent, has a clutch of period, detached family homes at less than £100,000. Moving up the price range, a four-bedroom converted railway station in more than three acres, with riding facilities, is offered at £195,000.

Bresby, an impressive Grade II listed Georgian farmhouse, with six bedrooms, a host of period features and an acre of garden with a ha-ha, is for sale through William H. Brown, at Spalding, for £135,000. The adjoining Grade II listed farm buildings are available for just £35,000 for redevelopment through the same agent. Architect's drawings have been approved to convert a barn, granary and stables into two character houses standing in more than an acre.



South Humberside and Nottinghamshire, which abut Lincolnshire, are next on the affordability ladder. Indeed, it seems that the whole East Midlands region has become a somnolent backwater as far as property prices go.

Clive Bristow, who works for the estate agents Dickinson Davy & Markham of Brigg, and who moved to South Humberside from Surrey four years ago, says the area is undeservedly unfashionable: "We have pretty villages, empty roads, plenty of open space and excellent communications with the rest of the country."

Mr Bristow's firm is offering The Manor, Thornton Curtis, an imposing former Victorian rectory, with snooker room, for £225,000.

Nottingham Property Services is marketing Saltfleetby, at Louth, a Georgian, six-bedroom house in nearly three acres, with a tall, mystical stone folly, for £169,000.

In the south, the cheapest county is Cornwall, which has communication and employment problems. Kittows of Launceston offers a six-bedroom, detached house in more than an acre for an unbelievable £95,000. Marshall's of East Looe is selling a three-bedroom, 13th-century farmhouse in 15 acres, with riding facilities for £149,000.

An interesting buy is a mid-Victorian Methodist chapel at Porth Kea, with an adjoining cottage and schoolroom, which can all be converted into an unusual home. Offers of about £50,000 are sought by the agents, Stratton Creber of Truro.

Small, pretty country cottages command a premium wherever they are. Determined buyers should look around Norfolk, Suffolk and Kent, where the abundance of such properties means that prices can be more competitive than elsewhere.

Unfashionable Essex offers surprisingly good value. Hamptons of Great Dunmow offers the delightful 16th-century thatched Missions Cottage, overlooking Blackmore End village green, for £135,000, and Thorntons of Sudbury is marketing Tudor Cottage, Little Horkesley, a detached, listed property, with beams, inglenooks, a bread oven and nearly half an acre of garden, for £120,000.

Restoring a period piece

How to cope if you fall madly in love with a 16th-century wreck of a house

Many people dream about owning a historic home, but few can afford to buy the fully restored version. However, there are plenty of old character houses ripe for renovation that can be bought and converted into gems of tradition and comfort for less than £100,000.

Some years ago, lured by a love of old buildings and the prospect of unspoilt countryside and low property prices, Diana and Christopher Zeuner, of Chichester, East Sussex bought a home in Welsh border country, close to the Brecon Beacons national park.

After 18 years spent looking after historic buildings as part of his job as director of the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton in West Sussex, Mr Zeuner wanted a historic building of his own to restore.

The couple paid £30,000 for an abandoned 16th-century stone cottage with internal timber framing, in 3½ acres of orchard and woodland, near the hamlet of Llancillo, midway between Hereford and Abergavenny. The cottage, with wonderful views of the Black Mountains, is in England, but the River Monnow at the bottom of the garden marks the border with Wales.

"The house had not been lived in for some time and was in a pretty raw state when we first saw it, but its magnificent architectural features sprang out at us as we went through the front door," Mrs Zeuner says.

An original Monmouthshire-style house, it has triangular moulded ceiling beams, plank and muntin oak screens, wooden-mullioned windows, a curved stone staircase and a huge open fireplace. It was love at first sight, the Zeuners say.

The couple set about restoring the historic 400-year-old farm dwelling, stripping out anything that was modern, uncovering ancient timbers and scrubbing generations of dirt from solid oak doors.

They worked mostly at weekends, living in a caravan in the garden, cutting their own wattle from hazel growing in the woods and mixing their own daub to repair centuries-old walls.

The roof was sound — an important factor in the couple's decision to buy the house, as roof repairs can prove costly. Rebuilding the chimney, repointing exterior stonework and replastering interior walls, putting in a bore hole for water, replumbing and rewiring, has cost them about £27,000 and taken seven years to complete.



DIY, Laurel and Hardy-style

Mrs Zeuner says it was a minimal restoration: "We wanted to restore the cottage in a way that kept its character and its integrity, without making it look like every other modern-day restoration."

They did not spend vast sums of money on fitted kitchens or marble bathrooms — instead, a kitchen sink, sensible white bathroom suite and a couple of wood-burning stoves provide cooking and washing facilities, plenty of hot water, and heat enough for the winter months.

Mrs Zeuner cautions DIY enthusiasts keen to set about restoring an old character building not to rush things. "It is important to carefully reveal any historic features bit by bit, before starting any renovation work. Then you will be able to make decisions about which parts to restore or change for modern living."

CHERYL TAYLOR

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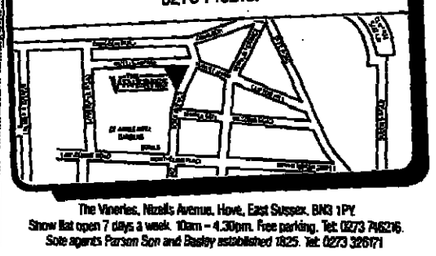


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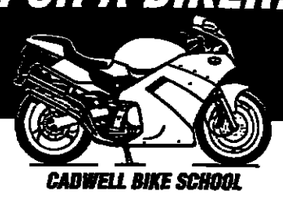
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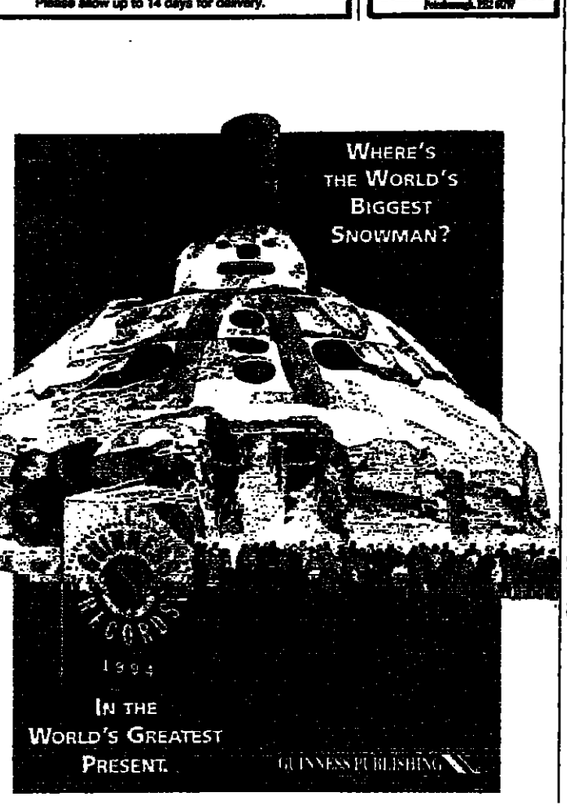
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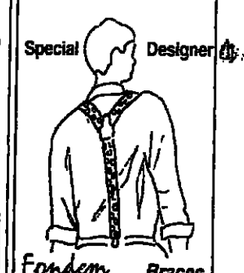


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CAROUSEL: Tuneful Rodgers *and Hammerstein has the familiar* mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin The sets are clever.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

THE CLEARING: *A co-*production with the National Theatre Studio, *set in Co Kildare in the years after Cromwell*
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Previews from Wed, 8pm.

DR FAUSTUS: Jonathan Cullen plays the curious scholar tempted by *Hugh Ross as Mephistophilis*
Philip Franks directs Marlowe.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) Now previewing. Opens Mon, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Dec 11.

EUROVISION: Tim Luscombe's serio-comic farce inspired by the Eurovision Song Contest. With Anita Dobson.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-*836 9988). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat* 5.45pm and 8.40pm.

THE GRUB STREET OPERA: Highly entertaining comedy with songs. Based on Fielding's satire.
Lilian Baylis, Sadlers Wells, *Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-837* 4104). Previews Mon, 7.45pm. Opens Tues, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Fri (Nov 19) 2pm, and Sat (Nov 27) 3pm. Until Nov 27.

THE IRON MAN. Pete Townshend's new rock opera based *on Ted Hughes's wonderful* modern fairytale.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Previews from Fri, 11am and 7pm.

ONE MAN: Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: *Telltale Heart, Actor,* and *Dog.*
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Opens Mon, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

WASPS Aquila Productions present Aristophanes's stinging comedy about a legal system controlled by prejudiced old men. In repertoire with *Coriolanus* for two weeks only.
The Place, 17 Dukes Road, WC1 (071 387 0031) *Wasps* opens Nov 15: Mon, Wed and Fri, 8pm; mats Tues and Thurs, midday and Sat, 2pm *Coriolanus* opens Nov 16. Tues, Thurs and Sat, 8pm. Until Nov 27.

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH :Brian Cox plays the title role in Ibsen's *The Master Builder.*
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Opens Fri, 7.45pm.

HARROGATE: Another European premiere here: *Wings*, the New York musical success based on Arthur Kopit's play about a woman acrobat struggling to recover speech after a stroke
Harrogate Theatre, Oxford Street (0423-502116) Opens Thurs, 7.45pm

MANCHESTER Sorcha Cusack *in Smoke*, by Mobil Prizewinner Rod Wooden, set in the forest camp of Kett's rebels in 1549.
***Royal Exchange**, St Ann's* Square (061-833 9833). Previews Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm.

WATFORD: Delaware Theatre Company brings *The Trip to Bountiful*, a woman tired of city life tries to return to her Texas home.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923-225671). Opens Wed, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm.



Andrew Tansey (left), Katharine Barker, Robert Richmond in *Wasps* (see Theatre)

WORD-WATCHING

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HALITUS

(b) A vapour or exhalation, from the Latin *halitus* breath, *halāre* to breathe; *Natural History of Cornwall*, 1758: "The faintings which seize the workmen, are owing to the heat not to a sulphureous or mineral halitus."

INCIPIT

(c) In Latin *incipit* = here beginneth, and *incipit* was used by medieval scribes in indicating the beginning of a new treatise, poem, division, etc. in a Latin or (sometimes) English *manuscript, hence, as a substantive*, the beginning or first lines or words of a treatise or poem.

TERTIAL

(c) Of or pertaining to the third rank or row of quill or flight feathers in the wing of a bird, *a flight-feather of the third row*, sometimes erroneously applied to secondaries on the elbow-joint, from the Latin *tertius* third: "The quills form three divisions, distinguished as the primaries, the secondaries, and the tertials. The tertials have their origin from the humerus."

TRUCHMAN

(a) From the Arabic, an interpreter, a variant of *dragoman*, there was a medieval Latin word *turchemannus*; Blount, 1679: "Beneath Whittington, in Shropshire, one Wrenoc held lands by the service of being Latimer, that is, truchman, or interpreter, between the English and the Welshmen."

FILMS

NEW RELEASES

L'ACCOMPAGNATRICE (PG). Claude Miller's flawed but sensitive wartime drama, with Romane Bohringer as the pianist whisked into a glamorous new world.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

DEMOLITION MAN (15): *Sylvester Stallone versus* Wesley Snipes in 21st-century L.A. Overblown action romp with satirical touches. Director, Marco Brambilla.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

GUILTY AS SIN (15): D.A. Rebecca *De Mornay falls under the* spell of ladykiller Don Johnson. Foolish thriller, minus thrills. Director, Sidney Lumet.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo *Ishiguro's novel with Anthony* Hopkins and Emma Thompson.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-499 3737) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-*914 666) Swiss Cottage* (071-586 3057)

CURRENT

DAVE (15): The US President's lookalike takes over. Ivan Reitman's beguiling comic fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

NAKED (18): Mike Leigh's excellent, uncomfortable Cannes prizewinner about London's lost souls, with David Thewlis.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

THE PIANO (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-439 0791) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE REAL McCOY (12): Muddled thriller with Kim Basinger as a penitent burglar; director, Russell Mulcahy.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 *914666*) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683)

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET On Tuesday, *there is a rare chance to see new* choreography at Covent Garden "White Hot and Different" brings together works by young house choreographers William Tuckett and Matthew Hart along *with Herman Schmerman* by William Forsythe, the American whose dangerous and dazzling style is popular with audiences on both sides of the Atlantic. *The bill is completed* by MacMillan's Woyzeck ballet, *Different Drummer.*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), Tues, 7.30pm.

SYLVIA: David Bintley's new *reworking of the comic* Delibes ballet is the highlight of Birmingham Royal Ballet's Plymouth season. The tale of the nymph who finds love with a mortal is updated to include *references to the 20th century,* as well as ancient Greece. Later in the week, a bill of Ashton, MacMillan and Matthew Hart
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, *Plymouth (0752 267222), Tues-next* Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Wed, next Sat, 2.30pm.

SLEEPING BEAUTY: Ronald Hynd has taken Tchaikovsky's ballet back to its St Petersburg roots in his new production for English *National Ballet*, nicely timed to coincide with the composer's centenary. Attractive production, although some may quibble with the "flying" dancers.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444). Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Thurs, next Sat, 2.30pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

ST PETERSBURG PHILHARMONIC: *The Russian* orchestra gives three London concerts in as many days. The first (Monday 7.30pm), in which the pianist Dmitri Alexeev joins the orchestra under its music director Yuri Temirkanov, is *dedicated to the music of* Rachmaninov and marks the fiftieth anniversary of the composer's death Temirkanov also conducts the second concert (Tuesday, 7.30pm), when the programme comprises *Stravinsky's Petruchka* (1947 version) and Prokofiev's Symphony No 5. On Wednesday (7.30pm), the orchestra's principal conductor, Mariss Jansons, *takes over on the podium*, to conduct a programme of works by Berlioz Sibelius (Violin Concerto *with Maxim Vengerov*), and Rachmaninov
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891).

OPERA

BAA-BAA BLACK SHEEP: *Michael Berkeley's first opera*, based on Kipling, arrives at the home of Opera North after a successful premiere at the Cheltenham Festival earlier this year Paul Daniel conducts
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), tonight, Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.15pm.

IL RE PASTORE: Joan Rodgers heads the cast in David McVicar's *new production of Mozart's* opera here performed in an English translation by Amanda Holden. Paul Daniel is the conductor
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), Mon, Thurs, next Sat, 7 15pm.

ROCK

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BUFFALO TOM: This guitar-based *trio offer raw, emotional rock.* Bettie Serveert joins them in London
Portsmouth Pyramid Centre (0705 877895), Tues, 7.30pm **London**, Forum (071-284 2233), Fri, 7pm

RED HOUSE PAINTERS The San Francisco band's brooding rock is complemented by support singer Heidi Berry's sweet folk
Commonwealth Institute, London, W8 (071-603 4535) *tomorrow*, 7pm

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100 Club, London, W1 (071-636 0933), Wed, 7.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

THE PORTRAIT NOW This show to mark the opening of the National Portrait Gallery's new temporary exhibition space and extensive Late 20th-Century *Galleries, brings up to date the* 1978 show "20th Century Portraits", and is international in its coverage.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). *Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun* 12-6pm, Fri to Feb 6.

THE PEOPLING OF LONDON Modishly concerned with the neglected history of multi-culturalism in London, this exhibition includes artefacts ranging from *Roman sculpture to paintings* by 19th-century Jewish immigrants.
Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (071-600 3699). Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, Tues to May 15.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD: The first Christmas card ever sent is alleged to be one sent in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole, of subsequent V&A fame. The whole history of the form is covered, with many exhibits drawn from the George Buday collection.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-5 50pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5 50pm, Wed to Jan 9.

FINE ART AND ANTIQUES FAIR: This autumn edition of the Olympia fair promises 190 exhibitors and includes a striking display by the British Antique Dealers' Association
National Hall, Olympia, W14 (071-370 8211 also for information on lectures). Wed, 5-10pm, Thurs, 11am-9pm, Fri, Mon, 11am-8pm, Sat-Sun, 10am-7pm, Tues, 11am-6pm, Closes Wed to Nov 23

REGIONAL

CANALETTO AND ENGLAND: *Canaletto worked extensively in Italy* for British patrons, and also *spent nine years in this country.* This large show of paintings and drawings concentrates on these British connections
Gas Hall, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, *Chamberlain* Square, Birmingham (021-235 1966) Daily, 10am-6pm (last admission 5.30pm), until Jan 9

BOOKINGS

MESSIAEN: A COMMEMORATION. This series of concerts celebrates the depth and diversity of one of 20th-century music's most charismatic figures The list of artists performing *with the LSO and London* Sinfonietta includes Kent Nagano, Paul Crossley, the composer George Benjamin and Jeanne Lorod The schedule is as *follows: November 21, London* Symphony Orchestra (Nagano): November 23, London Sinfonietta (Nagano) with the London Sinfonietta Chorus: December 10, *85th Birthday anniversary* concert with the London Sinfonietta (Elgar Howarth). Also on December 10, there is a performance of *Harain* (St Giles *Church*, Cripplegate, 6pm)
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891) All performances, 7.30pm

NEW VIDEOS

SUPER MARIO BROS. (Entertainment, PG) Video game stars penetrate a parallel *universe of reptilian thugs.* Ponderous extravaganza with Bob Hoskins and Dennis Hopper, directed by Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel 1993.

ORLANDO (Electric, PG). Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (*Tilda Swinton*) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route. Filmed with great aplomb by Sally Potter. 1992.

PARSIFAL (Artificial Eye, E): Hans-Jurgen Syberberg's extraordinary, absorbing opera film with Parsifal coming in two sexes. Striking performances, *especially from Edith Clever.* 1983.

UNTAMED HEART (MGM/UA, 15): *Greatly endearing, off-beat* romance between extrovert waitress Marisa Tomei and reclusive busboy Christian Slater, directed by Tony Bill. 1993.

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Hamlet
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DONALD COOPER



Piteous and sometimes profound: Alan Cumming's Hamlet manages to signal a toughness beneath and behind the little-boy hysteria

IT was Ophelia who best summed up the last major Hamlet we saw in London. Kenneth Branagh, she rightly said, was the expectancy and rose of the fair state, as well as the glass of fashion and the mould of form. And it is Ophelia who has the number of the very different prince that Alan Cumming is playing for what used to be called Century Theatre and has recently been rechristened the English Touring Theatre. "He raised a sigh so piteous and profound," she tells her father, "as it did seem to shatter all his bulk and end his being."

Precisely so. Piteous and sometimes profound sighs seem often to shatter Cumming's frail and wispy bulk. The first time we see him, he cuts a whipped, dejected figure, as of a homesick schoolboy or, in his case, a schoolboy sick of home. The first time we hear him, his Scots-accented voice has a lachrymose, faintly querulous timbre to it. And again and again afterwards he has to fight back the tears: when he gets Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to admit that Claudius sent for them, when he tells Ophelia he used to love her, when he leaps distractedly into her grave, when he feels betrayed or lovelorn or both.

A vulnerable, touchy, doleful Hamlet is in many ways to be welcomed. After all, the interpretation helps explain both why he hasn't acceded to his father's throne and why he finds killing Claudius a bit burdensome. But it is not quite enough, as Cumming clearly recognises. That is why he tries from time to time to signal a toughness beneath and behind the little-boy hysteria that sometimes threatens to overwhelm him. He snaps, sneers, cuffs Rosencrantz, even swipes Polonius on the bottom, and does his best to seem less adolescent than he is.

But it is not very convincing, and perhaps not meant to be so. This Hamlet is always more likely to sneer or snap at himself ("the pale cast of thought!") and cuff his own head or body in frustration and anger. If the time is out of joint, he is more so. Sensitivity is his trouble, and perhaps immaturity too; and he knows it, rues it, but until the very end can do little or nothing to change it. Hamlet as Peter Pan caught in the process of growing up? At times it almost seems so.

That hardly gives us the complete prince, but it does give us the very contemporary one that Stephen Unwin's production seems to require. The stage consists only of bare boards backed by a blue wall or cyclorama; but on it we get what the programme calls an attempt "to combine a thorough understanding of Shakespeare's period with an aesthetic sensibility shaped by the modern world". Some characters wear ruffs above high-street suits. To judge by the pictures briefly seen on a passing television set, David Joyce's flak-jacketed Fortinbras is leading a task force of carriers and jets to the Falklands, or maybe Kuwait. The players might be a BBC or ITV crew somewhat chaotically on location.

To be frank, such details add little to a production which seems brisk and urgent enough already; but nor do they spoil some decent supporting performances. Pip Donaghy and Eleanor Bron are particularly effective as a Claudius and a Gertrude with an instinctive affinity for each other: he laid-back and hearty, she light and easy-going, both plunged way out of their emotional depth. A pity that Hamlet's father is about as unearthly as the Tin Man, and at one point a Tin Man doing a soft-shoe shuffle. But then when did you last see a truly ghostly ghost in *Hamlet*?

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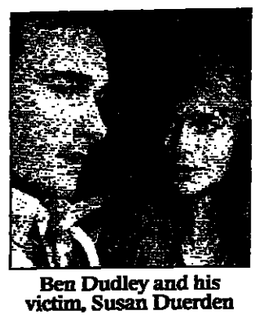
The Collector
Camden Studio

BEN DUDLEY'S stage version of *The Collector* — adapted from John Fowles's story of a psychopath who holds a woman hostage in his cellar — has its moments. Under Kevin Hosier's direction, one scene starts with a scream in the dark; another blackout is punctuated by a blinding flashgun illuminating a semi-naked body. In between, Susan Duerden (Miranda) clobbers Ben Dudley (Clegg) over the head with a vast volume of *Books in Print* — what today's mad man leaves out on his coffee table.

The Camden Studio's basement auditorium also provides a potently literal equivalent of the fictional setting. It seems a pity the adaptation, sticking to the original rural setting, fails to incorporate the rumble of Tube trains and wail of sirens which actually enhance the sense of Miranda's isolation.

Duerden does not pinpoint her Hampstead art student character with sufficient accuracy to contrast Miranda with her working-class imprisoner. Her strength is to create suspense when the script goes silent. But her part is lumbered with some clumsy monologues, including a terminally corny speech which finishes her off.

Ben Dudley's Clegg starts out a fraction too caricatured. The script is really the guilty party in depicting behaviour that appears psychologically unlikely. Yet Dudley's Clegg, by being pretty obviously disturbed, renders Miranda's tactics positively unbelievable. Would a woman, locked in a basement by a man, who wears a suit several sizes too small and with a nasty habit of darting sidelong glances, really wade straight in and ask him if he is after sex?



Ben Dudley and his victim, Susan Duerden

Dudley has moments of woodenness. However, his hunched shoulders and retracted neck convey a screwed up character with successful simplicity. His monotone nasal delivery cleverly combines the comic with the sinister.

Still, the twists and turns in the relationship and Miranda's oscillations between sincerity and manipulative pretense require much clearer charting. At present, the protagonists' fluctuations between hostilities and possible sexual attraction are too often just puzzling.

KATE BASSETT

Puccini's puppy love

OPERA RECORDS

Puppy love is the subject of the opening act of Puccini's **Manon Lescaut** as Des Grieux sweeps Manon out of the clutches of convent life and off to Paris. Luciano Pavarotti and Mirella Freni, both in their late 50s, still give a very fair impression of infatuation at first sight on Decca's new recording (9438 238-2, 2 CDs). Then, as the emotions darken and mature, both show what marvellous Puccini singers they have been over the years.

Decca gives exceptional prominence to the voices, often at the expense of James Levine and the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera. Pavarotti's very open tones lack a little grace for Des Grieux's opening arias, but otherwise he is at his full-throated best. Freni's Manon matches the one she gave under Sinopoli in this opera for DG almost ten years ago.

The march of the older generation continues in Philips's **La Traviata** (438 238-2, 2 CDs). Alfredo Kraus was first recorded as Verdi's Alfredo in 1958 with Maria Callas (available on EMI).

Here, 35 years later, he is artfully lightening his voice for Violetta's young lover. Few tenors handle Alfredo's Act II aria better than Kraus.

There the pluses end. Kiri Te Kanawa's Violetta is cautious, artificial and lacks all spontaneity. Violetta was nothing if not impulsive. The strings of Florence's Maggio Musicale Orchestra too often sound scrawny under Zubin Mehta: the recording is dim.

Philips's **Hänsel und Gretel** must be the first opera set to come with a 200-piece jigsaw of the front cover. There's no need for it — the music is well worth anyone's attention for the luminous conducting of Sir Colin Davis, whose featherlight touch never lets the Dresden Staatskapelle suggest that Humperdinck's opera is at times very thickly scored.

Edita Gruberová (Gretel) and Ann Murray (Hänsel) are the children: she exuberant and flirtatious, he serious and responsible until things go wrong. Here, as in *Manon Lescaut*, a strong supporting group gives excellent backup: Gwyneth Jones as a Mother carrying all the world's woes and Franz Grundheber as the Father who casts them all off with the help of a jar or two. Christa Ludwig is the Witch who fancies roast child for supper.

There are plenty of *Hansels* worth hearing, but this one is right up in the reckoning, thanks especially to the magic dust sprinkled by Davis, just like the Sandman, over the score.

JOHN HIGGINS

JAZZ RECORDS

Delicacy of an axe-hero

You can hear his influence everywhere, in concert halls, clubs and piano bars. Generations of players have imitated the late Bill Evans, trying (and usually failing) to reproduce his gossamer touch and the full breadth of his impressionist-derived harmonies.

Just when we had reached saturation point, along comes **John McLaughlin**, axe-hero of old, with a collection of artful transcriptions for acoustic guitar themes. *Time Remembered* (Verve 519861) invites comparison with the Kronos Quartet's bold mid-Eighties tribute to Evans, but while McLaughlin's venture has a much narrower stylistic palette, it comes closer to evoking the all-important element of rapt withdrawal.

A quarter of a century ago, McLaughlin helped inaugurate the jazz-rock era with his grandiose Mahavishnu Orchestra before he moved on to improvising of the Indo-fusion ensemble Shakti. Some of his arrangements of Evans's compositions occupy the treacherous middle ground between jazz and classical disciplines, his deft phrasing augmented by the Aighetta guitar quartet and the bass acoustic guitar of his pupil, Yan Maresz. The pieces lend themselves well to this extended treatment.

The main danger with such meditative interpretations is that they can lapse into tasteful New Age easy listening. "Waltz for Debby" (one of the few Evans tunes that has become a standard) almost meets that fate. It takes repeated listenings to adjust to the understated ambience — McLaughlin is in unusually restrained mood throughout — but the effort is worthwhile.

The bombastic side of McLaughlin's art is given full rein on *Adventures in Radioland* (Verve 519397), a 1986 Mahavishnu studio session. The Bill Evans connection continues, but in the less seductive form of his namesake, the strident saxophonist who played in Miles Davis's comeback band. This is anonymous fusion-by-numbers, not helped by Danny Gottlieb's elephantine contribution at the drums.

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Sun 14 Nov 6.00	JESSYE NORMAN (soprano) Geoffrey Parsons (piano) Schumann & Strauss Lieder; Messiaen Poèmes pour Mi; Schoenberg Brettl Lieder (Cabaret Songs) £50, £40 (ONLY) *SBC
Mon 15 Nov 8.00	DON McLEAN plus special guest Legendary American singer songwriter. £15, £12.50, £10 Jef Hanlon Management Ltd
Tue 16 Nov 7.30	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Libor Pesek (cond) Ivan Moravec (piano) Weber Overture, Euryanthe. Schumann Piano Concerto, Beethoven Symphony No.5. £27, £21, £16, £10, £5 *RPO Ltd
Wed 17 Thu 18 Nov 7.30	THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC Resident at the RFH. Bernard Haitink (cond) Emanuel Ax (piano) Mozart Piano Concerto in E flat, K.482. Shostakovich Symphony No.8 Spons: Chatsfield Plc. £28, £20, £17, £13, £8, £5 *Lon Phil
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Tue 16 Nov 7.45	DOCKLANDS SINFONIETTA LONDON Sian Edwards (cond) Thomas Zehetmair, Alwyn Mellor, Paul Agnew, Andrew Slater. Beethoven Violin Conc; Takemitsu Tree Line; Stravinsky Pulcinella (comp). Spons: Morgan Stanley. £16, £10, £6 *DSL
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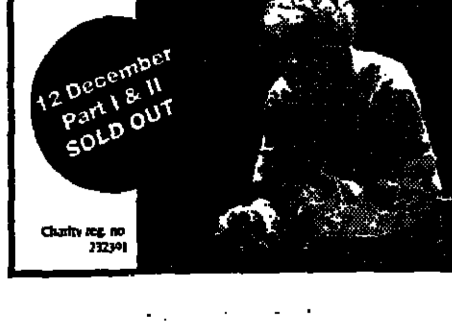
Saturday 13 Nov 7.30 pm	TAMÁS VÁSÁRY piano. International Piano Season. Schumann: Arabesque in C Op.18; Davidsbündlertänze Op.6. Chopin: The Four Ballades. £15.00, £12.50, £10.00 £7.50 IMG Artists Europe
Sunday 14 Nov 11.30 am NB: starting time	GAUDIER ENSEMBLE. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Mozart: Horn Quintet in E flat K407. Rossini: Sonata a quattro in G (c.1804); Spohr: Nonet in F Op.31. £6 including programme and coffee/sherry/juice
Sunday 14 Nov 4.00 pm NB: starting time	BEAUX ARTS TRIO. Master Concert. Korngold: Trio in D Op.1 (1909); Mendelssohn: Trio in D minor Op.49; Beethoven: Trio in B flat Op.97 *Archduke*. £15.00, £12.50 (all others sold) HoM
Monday 15 Nov 7.30 pm	GOULD PIANO TRIO. Beethoven: Trio in G Op.1 No.2; Shostakovich: Trio No.1 in C minor Op.8; Schubert: Trio in E flat D929. £10, £8, £6, £5 (concs £8, £6, £4) Kirckman Concert Society/Sarah Gordon Concert Management
Tuesday 16 Nov 7.30 pm	BENJAMIN FRITH piano. Schubert: Sonata in C D840 *Reliquie*; Britten: 12 Variations (1931); Beethoven: Sonata Op.27 No.2 *Moonlight*; Mendelssohn: Variations sérieuses in D minor Op.54; Fantasy Op.28 *Sonata écossaise*; Rachmaninov: 4 Preludes from Op.23. £10, £8, £6, £4 Tim Bullamore Management
Thursday 18 Nov 7.30 pm	LORRAINE McASLAN vln, NIGEL CLAYTON piano. Brahms: Sonatensatz; Copland: Sonata; Hush: Solo Sonata; Gershwin/Heifetz: Excpts: *Porgy & Bess*; Szymanowski: Son Op.9; Chant de Roxane; Prokofiev/Heifetz: *The Love of 3 Oranges* march; Rachmaninov: Vocalise; Wieniawski: Polonaise. £9, £7.50, £6, £4.50
Saturday 20 Nov 7.30 pm	NASH ENSEMBLE, ENDELLION QUARTET, ANTONY PAY clarinet. Leipzig Gewandhaus 250th Anniversary Series II. Brahms: Clarinet Sonata in F minor Op.120; Brahms: String Quintet in G Op.111; Mendelssohn: Octet in E flat. £12, £10, £8, £6 NCS

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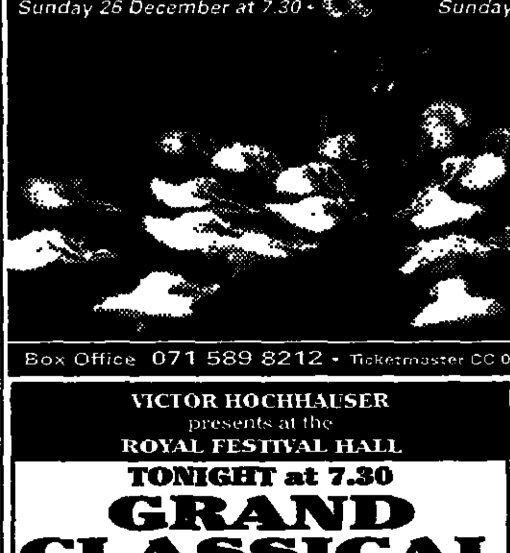
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Let's have an antenatal peek before we go crackers

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

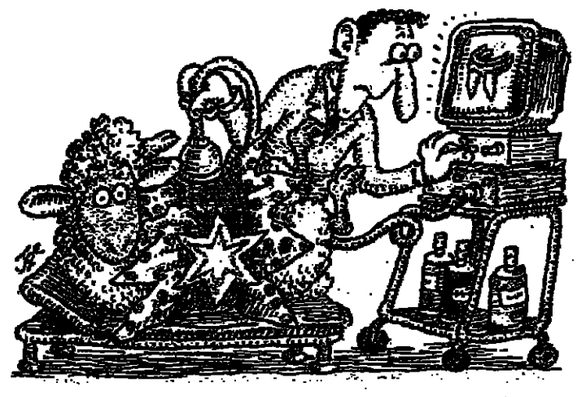


Would it spoil your Christmas if you knew in advance what was going to burst out of your cracker? I am a great believer in surprises, but with 40 little crackers all ready to go pop on New Year's day, I have decided that forewarned is forearmed. My little crackers are my ewes, and I have pursued a policy of early lambing ever since we started to keep sheep.

There are lots of economic arguments in favour of it: if you are lucky, you can hit the Easter lamb trade and pick up the best prices, and early lambing also means the job is out of the way when the spring work is pressing. But the overriding reason is simply a desire to put Christmas firmly behind me. By the time we get to New Year, I am almost climbing the barn walls with frustration at having endured a fortnight's force-feeding and merrymaking, and there is nothing quite like a tricky lambing in the middle of a cold, dank night to have the required sobering effect.

So all my Christmas surprises will be arriving during the first days of the new year. The problem remains, though, precisely how many surprises will there be? The analogy with the Christmas cracker is not a bad one for, like lambing, cracker-pulling commences with huge anticipation, then come the explosive sounds, and usually a little disappointment all round. But it goes further than that, for how many of us, in our quest for the joke, have failed to notice tucked away in the wrapping a pair of plastic vampire teeth? Lambing poses a similar problem. There can be few shepherds who have not rejoiced at the birth of twin lambs, and failed to spot the third hiding in a corner of its mother's cosy womb. Equally, it is a frustrating business to have carefully fed and nursed a ewe through the last vital weeks of her pregnancy in full expectation of healthy triplets, merely to find that you have been grossly overfeeding one single lamb, which is now so large that its birth ends as a tug-of-war match which the shepherd does not always win.

This year I shall have none of these problems. I am normally averse to high technology where it is used by farmers to exploit animals even further; but ultrasound scanning of pregnant sheep seems to be of benefit all round. The man with his probe and black box arrived on the farm a couple of days ago.



We set up our antenatal unit under the shelter normally used by the cows and suckling calves; it had that maternity feeling about it. We stopped short of scattering grubby copies of *Hello!* magazines around, but on my wife's advice, we set up the hurdles and modelled our clinic on the south London antenatal we remembered from ten years ago.

Consequently we ensured there was little privacy, overcrowding and a long wait.

The scanner can work at a fearsome rate, and he has in the past probed three and a half thousand ewes in a single day. This ruled out any discussion of welfare or emotional problems. Anyway, the fathers were noticeably absent, having moved on the previous week to attend to another flock in the next village. I remember one or two south London rams who pulled the same trick.

We had three cans of coloured spray ready to mark the singles, triplets and barren ewes. Twins, which we hoped would be in the majority, were to go through unmarked. We penned the ewes and forced the first one, with modest reluctance, towards a crate in which she would be briefly trapped while the man thrust his probe at her swollen belly and looked at his television screen. "Twins — next!" he cried, but the next did not wish to budge. She stubbornly straightened her legs and thrust her feet against the ramp. Using a trick which would have been the envy of that south London antenatal clinic, I placed my knee in the area of the rump while he cupped the sheep's chin. One pushed, the other pulled. "Twins!" cried the man, peering at his screen, which had a radar-like display on it somewhat reminiscent of the approach to Heathrow. I seized a can of spray and marked her. "I thought we weren't marking twins?" said the chap. He was right. I was wrong. The sheep just stood, bewildered.

We did all 40 in half an hour; eat your heart out Mrs Bottomley. Admittedly, in the excitement, one or two got rather more orange and red spray than was desirable, and some were heavily overdosed on blue. But never mind. It is the glittering wrapping that is half the fun of the Christmas cracker.

In the true spirit of the explorer, ***Louisa Young*** *embarks on an expedition through Bath with Sir Ranulph Fiennes*

Chipping at the iceman

Barely three minutes since we met, and Sir Ranulph Fiennes has started an expedition. "OK, Louisa, you navigate," he says, climbing into the Land-Rover. He hands me a map and, although we are going only half a mile across Bristol, I am filled with a sense of responsibility and an extraordinary impulse to call him "sir"; not because I have any inordinate respect and admiration for him — I do not — but because his air of command is so strong.

I navigate us successfully to the top floor of a car-park. "I suggest we go down these stairs, it'll be more direct," he says. Yes, sir. "Is there a bookshop in this shopping centre?" There is, and I have noticed where. "Yes, sir, this way." "Good."

We go to the bookshop and within seconds he has the staff fetching copies of the book of his most recent trek across the Antarctic — all the way across, unsupported by animals or machines, hauling sledges for 95 days — and I am opening them at the right page for him to sign. He is wearing a woolly shirt, a beard and those intrepid eyebrows, perfectly formed for icicles to hang from. He lives on a 100-acre farm on Exmoor with no mains electricity, no central heating. Isolated? "Everybody's got neighbours if you go far enough. But not within sight, no," he says.

I am not going to ask him why he chooses to put himself in situations which to most people would be a refinement of hell. Think of hauling more than twice your body weight over snow and ice and glaciers 12 miles a day at temperatures well below freezing with no days off for three months, while simultaneously serving as a guinea pig for research into the effects of starvation combined with intense physical effort. Add immense crevasses opening up beneath your feet; sastrugas (rock-hard frozen snow ridges up to 6ft high) blocking your way; whiteout (where you can see nothing); snow-blindness; ultra-violet burns through the ozone hole which ulcerate your mouth so your food ends up mixed with blood. Add frostbite, diarrhoea, an ulcerated foot, crotch rot and raw patches on your torso where the traces of your sledge rub. Set fire to your tent a couple of times. Argue with your companion. Lose one third of your body weight. Anything else? *Haemorrhoids, why not, for* good measure. Have blood samples taken every week.

"If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand" is the kind of one-liner that Sir Ranulph likes to have on hand. And I do understand. Some people, mostly men, just have to do these things. They have no choice. There is no point looking further. Virgin territory explored, records broken, firsts achieved, money raised for charity, scientific research even: all these are really excuses, more impressive to the audience back home than to those who do it.

Dr Anthony Clare, trying to discover the explorer's motives, ended up by saying it was like "stirring a void". "That's pretty rude, isn't it?" Sir Ranulph says, and it is, but it makes sense. Those who do not have the compulsion have no way of getting a grip on it.

He hedges slightly when I ask what the reward is for him: "I like to look at it from the point of view of the people involved. If you have multiple sclerosis, or are involved in it in any way, then the money we raised [£800,000] for research in that field is the reward. If you are a nutritionist, interested in energy levels, in food efficiency for the Third World, or for athletes, you would be very excited about the results of Mike's research [Dr Michael Stroud was his companion on the trek]."

Yes, but Sir Ranulph is neither of these. "It's my job," he says, almost mildly. "I make my living writing about it." Yes, but he chose it. How did he get to be an explorer? "I suppose by failing my A-levels," he says.

He has not failed much since. He is very competitive, although he does not see it quite like that. "Competition is a device for keeping going. You need all the devices you can. You need strong feelings to take your mind off the pain. Hatred is very useful. After a previous expedition, Mike told me he had planned to shoot me, dump my body and tell everybody that a polar bear had got me."

The ill-feeling between him and Dr Stroud on this last trip was much publicised. "Exaggerated," Sir Ranulph says. "If two dumb Buddhist monks go, you might get no friction. And when people write books about Antarctic travel they make the most of every riffle. Ninety thousand words on crossing a white tablecloth would be fairly dull if it's all beautiful, boring smiles. But the friction doesn't matter. The only thoughts that need controlling are from the wimpish side — 'Oh, dear, we're running out of penicillin, I'll get gangrene and have to cut my foot off.' Thoughts that persuade you there is a rationale for stopping."

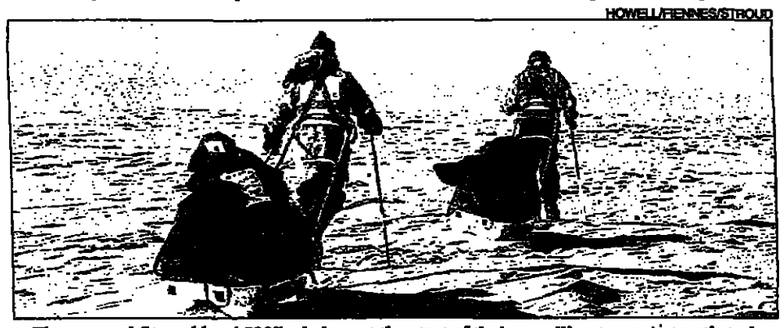
At the start of the expedition, on the edge of the Antarctic with 1,700 miles to go, their sledges weighed almost 500lb. They had not had a chance to test whether they could pull that weight, and they had every reason to believe that it was physically impossible.

What would he have felt if he had not got the sledge to move? "Ashamed," he says. Of what? "Well, the sponsors would have been pretty annoyed, and would have said so, and the chances of getting funding for another expedition would become extremely slim."

And that is what matters. Sir Ranulph is not planning more polar endeavours (a younger man will represent his team next season, walking solo and unsupported to the North Pole), but he has an expedition or two up his sleeve. "Got to pay the bills," he says.

● *Out of Town reported (Weekend, October 30) that the River Wandle is an "open sewer". It is not, and* The Times *apologises unreservedly to the river and its supporters.*

HOWELL/FIENNES/STROUD



Fiennes and Stroud haul 500lb sledges at the start of their gruelling trans-Antarctic trek

The Times invites readers to a Dillons Travel Lecture by Sir Ranulph Fiennes in London on November 29: see page 15 of today's main section for details.

HOWELL/FIENNES/STROUD



Sir Ranulph Fiennes in his element — "If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand"

At the bitter end



Fiennes — "We would have died"

On our nineteenth day, heavy cloud banks warned of possible weather change. I feared the onset of the whiteout conditions and storms. Everything would now depend on quickly picking up the right wind over the next day or two.

I said nothing to Mike since I was increasingly aware of his mental struggles. It seemed to me that he feared that I would blame him for any decision to abort.

I did a good deal of tossing and turning and eventually concluded that, even if I should be calling for evacuation right now, we would still need to cross the turbulent ice in front to find a safe place for the ski-plane to land. Nine days of food remained. Without wind help and on half rations, we might reach the science base at the far edge of the ice-shelf but not in time for the ship.

After a bad start caused by a cooker fire, we set out in a semi-whiteout. After four hours of concentrated travel we cleared the last obstacle. Now that the going was flat and easy, I reverted thankfully to the polar plod but Mike slowed down until, some five hours into the day, he came to a complete halt with his head drooping forward.

Recognising the signs of imminent hypothermia, I grew fearful and erected the tent. Mike's lisping attempts to talk were inaudible. He sat listlessly on his sledge. As I waited for tea to boil, the foolishness of continuing was rammed home. I determined to take the sensible decision as soon as I could without upsetting Mike's sensitivities.

We were in the same state as Scott and his men at this stage with two major exceptions. Our mileage had been obtained with *no* help from storage depots en route. Secondly, we *could* call for a ski-plane and Scott had no such easy option.

On February 12, our ninety-fifth day of travel, the last US aeroplane left Antarctica to escape the imminent winter blizzards. In five days' time, at 7am precisely, our ship would steam out of the Ross Sea. We were still 289 nautical miles from Ross Island and there was still no wind. Now we would need to achieve 58 miles each day for the next five days to catch the ship. We were struggling to manage even 12 miles daily.

At 1pm I made up my mind to delay no longer and turned to tell Mike we must erect the tent to discuss calling it a day. I dithered and explained my halt as merely to suggest curtailing the travel days from now on to combat the alarmingly decreased resistance to the cold that we both acknowledged.

I immediately cursed myself for giving in to procrastination and, two hours later, I finally crunched the bullet. We put up the tent having hauled some 41 miles since crossing the Pacific coastline.

We will never know how much further we could have continued because there are too many ifs and buts. If, like Scott, we had no option but to battle on, it is my opinion that we would have died short of Ross Island.

● *Edited extract by Barry Turner from* Mind over Matter *by Sir Ranulph Fiennes (Sinclair-Stevenson, £16.99).*

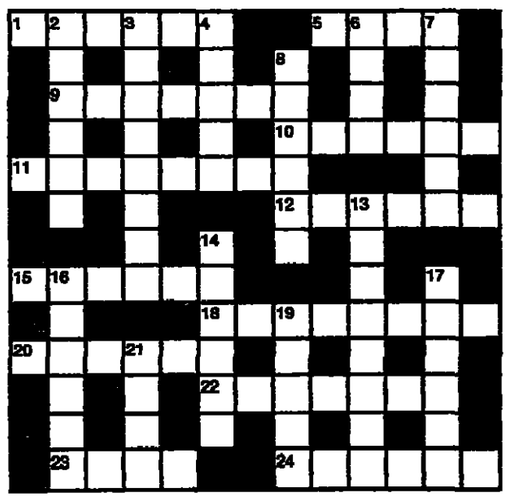
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No 12

ACROSS

1 Spring flower (6)
5 Throw the bat (4)
9 Mosquito-borne disease (7)
10 Propel canoe (6)
11 Former S Rhodesia (8)
12 Stephenson's locomotive (6)
15 Failure to appear as expected (2-4)
18 Excluding the public (2,6)
20 Work for seven (6)
22 Peppery capital of French Guiana (7)
23 Oppressive servitude (4)
24 Bank clerk (6)

DOWN

2 Be left (6)
3 American gourd (8)
4 Rub hard to clean (5)
6 Archbishop executed by Parliament (4)
7 Attendant at shoot (6)
8 Table linen once (6)
13 Wrong-doer (8)
14 Circuit-breaker (6)
16 Without concealment (6)
17 Mourn (6)
19 Underground chapel (5)
21 Armoured vehicle (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 11

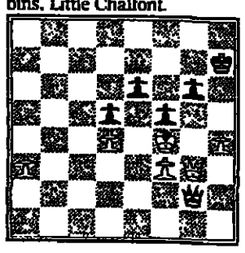
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Matochin - Kuzmin, USSR 1970. Despite the reduced material, Black has a tactical trick that forces a win. Can you see it? Send your answers on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday. Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Nxc7+.



Last week's winners are: R C Gilchrist, Blackpool; A J Roberts, Shoreham-by-Sea; J Robbins, Little Chalfont.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HALITUS
a. Salt water
b. Vapour, bad breath
c. With a gammy leg

INCIPIT
a. A compost heap
b. A bone of the skull
c. First lines

TERTIAL
a. A fever
b. A lyric metre
c. A feather

TRUCHMAN
a. An interpreter
b. An evangelical con-man
c. A two-wheeled carriage

Answers on page 15

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